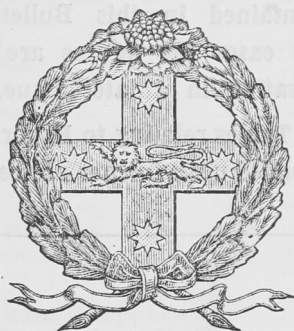


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MEMORANDA.

Trade.—The Oversea imports during October were valued at £2,945,215, and show a decrease of £471,596, or 13·3 per cent., as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The total for four months, July to October, 1917, was £8,534,493, a decrease of £4,063,276, or 32·2 per cent., in comparison with the corresponding period in 1916.

Imports at Sydney.—Excluding the value of the imports from State ports, the articles imported at the port of Sydney in October were valued at £3,636,560. The following is a summary of the imports during the month :—

					Weight and Measurement.	Value.
					tons.	£
Imports Oversea	...	...	...	...	68,274	2,897,557
„ Interstate	...	...	...	...	24,121	739,003
„ From State Ports	...	...	...	...	75,922	not availab'le.
Transhipments—						
Oversea...	...	...	...	...	20,177	„
Interstate	...	...	...	...	16,111	„
To State Ports	...	...	...	...	6,021	„

A few special articles, denoted by number in the detailed table within, have been converted into weight or measurement, and are included in the above statement. During the four months ended October, 1917, the oversea imports were valued at £8,404,301, and the interstate imports at £3,556,741, the total of the two being £11,961,042.

Public Finances.—The Public Accounts for October show that the net revenue for the month was £1,622,935, or £122,689 more than in October of last year—an increase of 8·1 per cent. During the four months ended 31st October the revenue was £5,478,574, being £385,114, or 6·6 per cent. less than in the corresponding period of the last financial year.

Principal increases during the four months were—	£
From Public Lands	49,796
Water and Sewerage Rates ...	40,081

Principal decreases during the same period were—	
From Taxation	136,515
„ Railways and Tramways ...	322,155
„ Pilotage, Harbour Dues, &c. ...	5,811

The expenditure during October was £2,328,409—an increase of £577,665, or 33 per cent., as compared with October of last year. During the four months ended 31st October the expenditure was £7,083,663, being £131,166, or 1·8 per cent., less than in 1916–17.

Principal increases during the four months were— £

Government Departments 77,692

Interest Repayments 100,791

Principal decrease during the same period was—

Business Undertakings 309,649

On the 31st October, 1917, the Consolidated Revenue Account was in debit to the amount of £2,450,991.

Gold Production.—The gold yield during October was 11,368 oz. crude, equal to 11,090 oz. fine, valued at £47,107, and showed an increase of 3,524 oz. fine, and £14,969 in value, compared with October of last year. The value of gold produced during the ten months was £301,204, and showed a decrease of 3,762 oz. fine, and £15,985 in value, in the figures for the corresponding period of 1916.

Cost of Living, Sydney.—From the information collected each month (see Table 52, as to the retail prices in Sydney of food and groceries), it appears that in October, 1917, prices were 40·5 per cent. higher than in July, 1914; 7·6 per cent. higher than in October, 1916; and 0·4 per cent. lower than in the preceding month, September, 1917.

Meat, which is included in the results quoted above, shows prices in October, 1917, 89·5 per cent. higher than in July, 1914; 15·5 per cent. higher than in October, 1916; and 2 per cent. lower than in September, 1917. Prices of beef and mutton declined, while pork advanced in price.

Increased prices were recorded for potatoes, onions, cheese, starch, candles, and kerosene, while butter, ham, eggs, and sago declined slightly.

The following is a statement of the price levels since July, 1914, the levels for which were taken as base and called 100 :—

Month.	Meat.	Other Food and Groceries.	Meat, other Food and Groceries combined.
July, 1914.....	100	100	100
Oct., 1915.....	160·1	124·7	133·8
„ 1916.....	164·1	118·9	130·6
May, 1917.....	162·4	122·0	132·4
June, „	158·8	122·1	131·6
July, „	162·5	121·6	132·1
August, „	182·7	122·6	138·1
Sept., „	193·4	122·8	141·0
Oct., „	189·5	123·5	140·5

Land Selections.—During October 84 applications were made for 37,276 acres under the Crown Lands Act; and 42,917 acres, representing 73 blocks, were gazetted for residential settlement, which include areas set apart for returned soldiers. Since the beginning of the year the number of applications has been 904, and the area applied for 440,212 acres. The original area gazetted for residential settlement since the 1st January is 697,823 acres, representing 1,453 blocks.

Meteorology.—The rainfall for the month of October was in excess of the average practically throughout New South Wales, the exception being the districts embracing the north-east quarter, in which the shortages generally were unimportant. As in the previous month persistent rains again occurred on the watersheds of the southern rivers, causing serious floods on various sections of the Murray River with extensive damage to property. The important towns of Albury and Deniliquin were both inundated.

The temperatures registered were, on the whole, most varied.

At Sydney the total rainfall was 441 points, or nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches above the average.

Vital Statistics — Sydney and Suburbs — October, 1917.—The births registered numbered 1,701, equal to 26·70 per 1,000 of population; of the total, 849 were males and 852 females. The rate is 8 per cent. below the average of the previous five years.

The deaths numbered 588, namely, 331 males and 257 females, equal to a rate of 9·23 per 1,000 of population. The mortality rate is very satisfactory, being 13 per cent. below the average of the previous five years. The deaths were below the average in all age-groups except "65 and over," which were normal.

The infantile mortality was 54·1 per 1,000 births, being 10 per cent. below the average for the month of October for the previous five years.

New Buildings—Metropolis.—According to returns supplied by the several Town Clerks there were erected, in the Metropolitan area, during October, 380 new buildings, as compared with 296 in October, 1916.

The total for the ten months, January to October, was 4,209, as compared with 4,485 during the corresponding period of 1916.

Statistical Bulletin—October, 1917.

No. 1.—Population.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1906	779,666	718,943	1,498,609	29,456	2'00	1,484,600
1907	795,635	736,345	1,531,980	33,371	2'23	1,517,900
1908	809,240	750,786	1,560,026	28,046	1'83	1,545,700
1909	829,329	767,356	1,596,685	36,659	2'35	1,577,200
1910	852,680	785,540	1,638,220	41,535	2'60	1,616,200
1911	889,391	809,345	1,698,736*	62,240*	3'80	1,664,500*
1912	935,979	842,983	1,778,962	80,226	4'72	1,738,600
1913	962,749	869,707	1,832,456	53,494	3'01	1,809,400
1914	967,033	894,995	1,862,028	29,572	1'61	1,853,400
1915	953,162	917,253	1,870,415	8,387	'45	1,868,200
1916	923,113	934,807	1,857,920	(-) 12,495	(-) '67	1,866,300
1917—31st March	921,964	939,788	1,861,752	...	...	...
„ 30th June	921,566	945,890	1,867,456	...	...	...
„ 30th September	925,493	949,852	1,875,345	...	...	...

The population includes Aborigines of full-blood, viz., 2,012, of whom 1,152 are males and 860 females.

* The population since 1st January, 1911, is exclusive of Federal Capital Area, the population of which at the Census on 2nd April was 1,724, of whom 997 were males and 727 females.

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Population.			Infantile Mortality.
				Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Deaths under one year per 1,000 Births.
1905	39,501	14,978	10,970	27'15	10'30	7'54	80'55
1906	40,948	14,975	11,551	27'58	10'09	7'78	74'53
1907	42,195	16,410	12,189	27'80	10'81	8'03	88'64
1908	42,525	16,090	12,642	27'51	10'41	8'18	75'79
1909	43,769	15,840	13,048	27'75	10'04	8'27	74'28
1910	45,533	16,191	14,294	28'17	10'02	8'85	74'61
1911	47,677	17,179	15,267	28'64	10'33	9'17	69'49
1912	51,993	18,886	16,664	29'90	10'86	9'58	71'30
1913	52,134	19,732	16,311	28'81	10'91	9'01	78'34
1914	53,615	18,777	17,353	28'93	10'13	9'36	69'72
1915	52,885	19,610	18,129	28'31	10'50	9'70	68'13
1916	52,075	19,854	16,320	27'90	10'64	8'74	67'84
Jan. to Sept., 1917	40,256	13,797	9,631	28'72	9'84	6'87	57'31
„ „ 1916	39,253	15,218	12,453	28'04	10'87	8'90	70'08
July to Sept., 1917	13,785	4,714	3,072	29'66	10'07	6'56	53'97
„ „ 1916	13,517	5,326	3,707	28'97	11'41	11'94	63'77

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year.	Arrivals.					Departures.				
	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females		Males.	Females	Males.	Females	
1906	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1907	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1908	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1909	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1910	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1911	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1912	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1913	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1914	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1915	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1916	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jan. to Sept., 1917	37,398	21,801	127,008	72,552	258,759	49,739	20,140	124,976	72,938	267,793
„ 1916	46,833	28,907	141,207	77,926	294,873	83,236	27,905	141,100	77,116	329,357
July to Sept., 1917	9,492	3,818	37,153	17,314	67,777	11,123	3,231	35,860	18,745	68,959
„ 1916	13,025	7,639	41,197	21,810	83,671	21,765	7,539	40,029	20,427	89,760

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1906	...	...	...	...	...	...
1907	...	...	...	...	...	...
1908	...	...	...	...	...	...
1909	...	...	...	...	...	...
1910	...	...	...	...	...	...
1911	...	...	...	...	...	...
1912	...	...	...	...	...	...
1913	...	...	...	...	...	...
1914	...	...	...	...	...	...
1915	...	...	...	...	...	...
1916	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jan. to Sept., 1917	199,560	32,972	361	8,906	16,960	258,759
„ 1916	219,133	44,271	2,345	12,212	16,912	294,873
July to Sept., 1917	54,467	5,780	10	1,717	5,803	67,777
„ 1916	63,007	11,082	670	3,210	5,702	83,671

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1906	...	...	...	...	...	...
1907	...	...	...	...	...	...
1908	...	...	...	...	...	...
1909	...	...	...	...	...	...
1910	...	...	...	...	...	...
1911	...	...	...	...	...	...
1912	...	...	...	...	...	...
1913	...	...	...	...	...	...
1914	...	...	...	...	...	...
1915	...	...	...	...	...	...
1916	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jan. to Sept., 1917	197,914	30,140	3,346	7,025	29,368	267,793
„ 1916	218,216	40,223	3,280	11,734	55,904	329,357
July to Sept., 1917	54,605	4,042	911	1,375	8,026	68,959
„ 1916	60,456	5,825	1,235	3,269	14,975	89,760

No. 6.—Population—Metropolis.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Sydney (including Shipping).	Suburbs.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1906	110,760	449,040	559,800	17,910	3'31	550,900
1907	112,000	465,180	577,180	17,380	3'10	568,500
1908	112,900	479,200	592,100	14,920	2'58	584,700
1909	120,660	485,240	605,900	13,800	2'33	599,000
1910	119,800	502,430	622,230	16,330	2'70	614,100
1911	118,800	538,000	656,800	34,570	5'56	639,500
1912	116,400	578,400	694,800	38,000	5'79	675,800
1913	115,900	609,500	725,400	30,600	4'40	710,100
1914	110,700	641,800	752,500	27,100	3'74	741,200
1915	104,200	658,800	763,000	10,500	1'31	757,750
1916	106,000	658,600	764,600	1,600	0'21	763,800

NOTE.—The population of Ku-ring-gai Shire (14,340 on 31st December, 1916) is included above as from 1st January, 1911.

No. 7.—Vital Statistics—Metropolis.

Year.	Births.	Deaths.		Marriages.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Population.			Infantile Mortality.
		Total.	Under one year.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Deaths under one year per 1,000 Births.
1906	13,984	5,703	1,176	5,248	25'38	10'35	9'53	84'1
1907	14,334	6,238	1,380	5,474	25'21	10'97	9'63	96'3
1908	14,861	6,036	1,229	5,974	25'42	10'32	10'22	82'7
1909	15,461	6,149	1,261	6,367	25'81	10'27	10'62	81'6
1910	16,204	6,365	1,329	6,931	26'39	10'36	11'29	82'0
1911	17,829	6,973	1,268	7,640	27'88	10'90	11'95	71'1
1912	20,140	7,681	1,530	8,923	29'80	11'37	13'20	76'0
1913	20,535	7,938	1,608	8,892	28'92	11'18	12'52	78'3
1914	20,821	7,603	1,452	9,479	28'09	10'26	12'79	69'7
1915	20,871	8,189	1,512	10,122	27'54	10'81	13'58	72'4
1916	20,856	8,156	1,428	9,009	27'31	10'66	11'80	68'5
Jan.-Oct., 1917	17,277	6,323	1,008	.....	27'12	9'94	.....	58'2
October, 1916	17,558	6,892	1,206	7,732	27'59	10'84	12'16	68'7
October, 1917	1,701	588	92	.....	26'70	9'23	.....	54'1
„ 1916	1,864	673	104	900	29'28	10'56	14'16	59'4

No. 8.—Health of the Metropolis—October, 1917.

In calculating the averages for previous five years, due allowance has been made for increase in population.

Particulars.	October, 1917.	Average of October, for previous five years.	Causes of Death.	October, 1917.	Average of October, for previous five years.
Births	1,701	1,848	Diseases of the Heart	89	71
Deaths	588	675	Pulmonary Diseases...	60	66
Illegitimate Births	123	139	Developmental Diseases of Infants.	59	56
Deaths under 1	92	111	Cancer	40	51
„ 1-4	28	50	Bright's Disease (Acute and Chronic).	38	44
„ 5-64	292	338	Phthisis	31	41
„ 65 and over	176	176	Senility	29	29
Annual Rates per 1,000 of Population—			Accident	26	30
Births	26'70	29'00	Hæmorrhage of the Brain, &c.	25	25
Deaths	9'23	10'59	Diarrhœa and Enteritis	20	38
Illegitimate Births	1'93	2'17	Epidemic Diseases	17	38
Deaths under 1 per 1,000 Births	54'1	60'3			

No. 9.—Principal Causes of Death—Nine Months, January to September—1917 and 1916.

Causes of Death.	Sydney and Suburbs.				New South Wales.			
	1917.			1916.	1917.			1916.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.
General Diseases—								
Typhoid Fever	12	8	20	61	54	26	80	179
Measles	2	2	4	11	7	10	17	59
Scarlet Fever	4	4	8	29	13	13	26	91
Whooping-cough	10	13	23	52	69	72	141	96
Diphtheria and Croup	32	36	68	106	109	109	218	284
Influenza	5	11	16	23	40	29	69	117
Dysentery	1	...	1	4	6	4	10	30
Other Epidemic Diseases	15	3	18	18	27	16	43	38
Purulent Infection, Septicæmia	4	4	8	11	31	11	42	37
Tetanus	6	4	10	8	25	5	30	29
Tuberculosis—Lungs	173	112	285	316	485	293	778	873
Other Organs	20	21	41	54	51	47	98	103
General	4	2	6	12	11	6	17	26
Syphilis	23	9	32	17	33	11	44	26
Cancer	267	320	587	513	588	546	1,134	1,085
Rheumatism	10	19	29	38	37	52	89	100
Diabetes	42	53	95	55	74	95	169	155
Exophthalmic Goitre ... ..	...	10	10	5	...	16	16	12
Anæmia, Chlorosis	34	23	57	69	53	50	103	116
Other General Diseases	46	17	63	48	103	42	145	149
Local Diseases—								
Meningitis	17	11	28	51	53	31	84	117
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	15	16	31	48	45	39	84	104
Diseases of Spinal Cord	29	17	46	62	59	39	98	120
Hæmorrhage, &c., of Brain	116	126	242	239	296	262	558	559
General Paralysis of Insane	37	4	41	50	51	6	57	71
Convulsions of Infants	11	11	22	34	46	38	84	129
Other Nervous Diseases	48	41	89	113	99	87	186	247
Acute Endocarditis	27	8	35	46	46	16	62	100
Organic Diseases of Heart	327	297	624	657	911	630	1,541	1,442
Other Diseases Circulatory System	110	82	192	206	270	146	416	415
Bronchitis	77	70	147	182	227	171	398	453
Pneumonia, Broncho-pneumonia	220	156	376	477	506	328	834	1,117
Other Diseases Respiratory System	60	42	102	90	145	94	239	206
Diseases of Stomach	25	19	44	45	64	47	111	140
Diarrhœa and Enteritis (under 2)	141	104	245	335	314	221	535	861
" " (over 2)	32	37	69	73	112	102	214	242
Appendicitis	27	12	39	40	55	39	94	110
Hernia, Intestinal Obstruction	25	31	56	70	59	61	120	132
Cirrhosis of Liver	37	25	62	53	73	31	104	105
Other Diseases Digestive System	40	50	90	81	81	111	192	203
Nephritis	256	163	419	397	478	279	757	742
Other Diseases Urinary System	57	20	77	75	134	36	170	156
Diseases of Genital Organs	2	32	34	30	4	51	55	60
Puerperal Condition ... ..	...	105	105	108	...	266	266	226
Diseases of Skin, &c.	10	7	17	26	35	31	66	82
Diseases of Bones, &c.	6	6	12	4	11	9	20	10
Congenital Malformations	40	27	67	66	96	69	165	163
Diseases of Early Infancy	237	178	415	466	609	469	1,078	1,165
Senility	130	148	278	281	486	389	875	989
Violence—								
Suicide	40	15	55	75	102	26	128	163
Accident	187	55	242	225	577	170	747	727
Homicide	6	6	12	11	13	14	27	28
Wounds in Battle ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Execution	2	...	2	...	2	...	2	...
Not Classed (Open Verdict)	10	5	15	29	37	7	44	57
Ill-defined Causes	8	6	14	23	82	35	117	171
Total	3,122	2,603	5,725	6,219	7,994	5,803	13,797	15,218

Approximate Mean Annual Death-rate per 1,000 of Population—

Sydney and Suburbs.				New South Wales.			
1912-1916	..	..	10.78	..	..	..	10.49
1917	..	..	9.98	..	..	..	9.84

No. 10.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1907	18,595,804	20,860,391	39,456,195	15,880,905	32,894,073	48,774,978
1908	17,814,260	19,828,486	37,642,746	14,105,050	26,880,709	40,985,759
1909	17,146,943	20,888,019	38,034,962	15,792,608	26,044,789	41,837,397
1910	*12,623,428	23,238,993	†	*10,307,115	32,035,451	†
1911	†	27,343,428	†	†	32,161,401	†
1912	†	32,303,630	†	†	32,958,529	†
1913	†	32,350,663	†	†	32,839,789	†
(Jan. to June) 1914	} †	16,677,336	†	†	15,738,313	†
1914-15	†	27,323,243	†	†	28,107,025	†
1915-16	†	33,379,698	†	†	40,975,416	†
1916-17	†	32,740,566	†	†	†	†

* Information, 1st January to 13th September inclusive.

† Not available.

No. 11.—Trade Comparison—Oversea Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.	(+) Increase. (-) Decrease in 1917-18.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
July ...	2,897,361	3,284,693	2,814,485	2,871,984	2,334,439	(-) 537,545
August...	2,660,299	2,919,146	3,532,624	3,254,124	1,268,674	(-) 1,985,450
September ...	3,080,492	2,088,007	2,486,149	3,054,850	1,986,165	(-) 1,068,685
October ...	2,638,289	2,202,579	3,245,746	3,416,811	2,945,215	(-) 471,596
Total (4 months)	11,276,441	10,494,425	12,079,004	12,597,769	8,534,493	(-) 4,063,276

No. 12.—Principal Articles Imported Oversea, Annually.

Article.		1914-15.		1915-16.		1916-17.*	
		Quantity.	Value. £	Quantity.	Value. £	Quantity.	Value. £
Ale and Beer—Bottle...	gal.	849,380	137,023	531,014	94,928	252,885	59,057
Bulk	"	98,159	8,642	13,390	1,299	.....	.....
Apparel and Attire ... ..	.....	.....	802,082	.....	888,053	.....	1,058,681
Socks and Stockings ... ..	.....	.....	342,932	.....	449,916	.....	427,751
Bags and Sacks—							
Bran, Chaff, &c. ... doz.	doz.	621,506	158,728	478,951	161,267	280,979	88,877
Corn and Flour	"	1,175,870	376,468	1,227,292	426,049	2,004,112	589,320
Woolpacks	"	1,223,680	164,577	1,090,333	155,040	960,772	141,998
Other	"	72,814	16,067	52,875	12,018	55,212	12,752
Bags, Purses, N.E.I. ... ..	.....	.....	77,166	.....	101,806	.....	109,174
Blankets, and Blanketing ... ..	.....	.....	5,672	.....	55,598	.....	60,492
Books (Printed) &c. ... ..	.....	.....	229,322	.....	223,267	.....	205,581
Boots and Shoes ... ..	.....	.....	296,099	.....	170,350	.....	227,308
Bullion—							
Gold—Bar, Ingots, &c. oz.	oz.	76,013	299,692	121,010	489,193	37,361	192,836
Silver—Bar, Ingot, &c. oz.	oz.	9,002	991	495	53	3,494	499
Canvas and Duck ... ..	.....	.....	123,498	.....	231,798	.....	189,465
Carpets and Carpeting ... ..	.....	.....	140,706	.....	166,772	.....	168,342
Cement (Portland)	ewt.	175,097	18,027	113,736	18,351	1,982	327
Clocks and Watches ... ..	.....	.....	102,690	.....	156,507	.....	131,606
Cocoa and Chocolate	lb.	1,723,804	124,399	2,630,858	203,732	2,888,825	200,303
Confectionery, N.E.I.	lb.	2,820,069	154,855	1,616,894	77,190	1,137,161	62,970
Copper—							
Pipes and Tubes (plain) cwt.	cwt.	6,119	29,956	2,948	18,432	2,160	14,594
Copra	cwt.	305,645	295,030	269,728	277,827	247,308	281,752
Cordage and Twines—							
Sewing Silks, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	180,457	.....	199,561	.....	294,121
Cosies, Cushions, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	36,067	.....	28,474	.....	209,608
Outlery, N.E.I. ... ..	.....	.....	119,763	.....	127,706	.....	132,954
Drugs and Chemicals—							
Cream of Tartar	cwt.	14,533	93,771	28,846	207,460	7,572	50,060
Other free ... ..	.....	.....	147,766	.....	161,603	.....	212,908
Earthenware, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	111,344	.....	111,620	.....	86,693
Electrical Articles—							
Cable and Wire covered cwt.	cwt.	29,666	137,979	42,882	190,946	38,736	192,172
Fancy Goods ... ..	.....	.....	150,694	.....	161,330	.....	147,959
Fish—Preserved in tins, &c. lb.	lb.	7,427,313	238,727	10,442,557	332,568	8,866,632	305,666
Floor Cloths and Coverings ... ..	.....	.....	190,167	.....	167,455	.....	195,750
Fruits, Fresh—Apples cental	cental	56,535	59,733	64,560	70,716	24,173	46,103
Bananas	"	130,666	97,273	190,442	109,320	254,310	139,380
Other ... ..	.....	.....	18,695	.....	23,222	10,367	19,477
Furniture ... ..	.....	.....	70,441	.....	44,724	.....	28,124
Gloves ... ..	.....	.....	78,600	.....	71,711	.....	95,751
Grain—Maize	centals	357,546	133,203	1,154,634	449,949	19,550	6,964
Oats	"	256,038	137,584	518,755	276,428	201	112
Rice	"	211,818	87,035	545,111	239,974	231,441	127,748
Hats and Caps ... ..	.....	.....	197,164	.....	224,625	.....	148,301
Hessians ... ..	.....	.....	172,885	.....	153,930	.....	162,090
Instruments—							
Kinematographs, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	161,663	.....	178,507	.....	183,799
Pianos	No.	3,862	111,603	4,806	141,641	4,431	126,414
Parts ... ..	.....	.....	18,070	.....	19,546	.....	29,908
Iron and Steel—							
Bar, Rod, Angle, Tee cwt.	cwt.	617,364	273,818	580,650	331,143	478,170	424,550
Girders, Beams	"	238,426	80,865	140,792	76,037	75,187	58,000
Pig	"	157,004	27,253	147,620	34,497	62,413	18,615
Plate and Sheet—							
Galvanised	"	553,694	482,836	476,222	692,787	209,490	331,747
Not galvanised	"	281,034	113,618	289,949	161,305	163,191	128,215
Jewellery ... ..	.....	.....	106,114	.....	88,892	.....	81,930
Precious stones, unset ... ..	.....	.....	157,883	.....	154,521	.....	164,589
Leather ... ..	.....	.....	152,803	.....	117,915	.....	207,791
Machines and Machinery—							
Agricultural ... ..	.....	.....	208,664	.....	185,353	.....	226,966
Electrical ... ..	.....	.....	386,487	.....	403,855	.....	414,581
Engines ... ..	.....	.....	386,924	.....	164,700	.....	112,190
Mining ... ..	.....	.....	29,652	.....	25,138	.....	22,945
Motive Power ... ..	.....	.....	117,173	.....	84,558	.....	98,387

*Subject to revision.

No. 12.—Principal Articles Imported Oversea, Annually—*continued.*

Article.	1914-15.		1915-16.		1916-17.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Machines and Machinery—		£		£		£
Sewing		72,423		103,565		107,023
Other		359,037		326,991		868,846
Matches		46,926		109,423	270,171	40,716
Medicines		192,546		208,818		249,661
Metals, Manufactures—						
Pipes and Tubes		291,524		379,474		294,991
Wire		244,950		256,697		172,868
Wire Netting		55,085		15,547		1,948
Miscellaneous		1,103,974		941,456		974,405
Oils in Bulk—						
Benzine gal.	2,938,909	151,304	5,132,998	274,284	1,233,196	401,702
Benzoline, &c.	1,462,435	79,509	1,669,396	90,566	1,500,901	109,706
Kerosene	6,758,234	176,265	8,112,145	196,680	5,701,394	153,147
Lubricating Mineral	1,724,118	89,560	2,785,117	150,481	2,667,449	148,598
Paints & Colours prep'd for use cwt.	20,372	46,576	22,075	55,268	57,130	134,372
Paper—Printing		370,893		427,668		715,033
Writing		90,564		129,896		206,482
Piece Goods—						
Cotton, Linen		1,631,126		2,047,194		2,527,751
Flannels		7,031		64,903		74,246
Horsehair Cloth		16,254		13,707		17,541
Rubbered Waterproof		16,937		15,381		12,806
Silk		648,807		706,967		679,892
Velvets, Velvetene		254,973		275,309		372,612
Woollens		808,476		1,138,104		1,296,132
N.E.I.		60,437		91,230		195,820
Other		66,801		83,992		108,792
Rails, Fish Plates, &c.		459,205		80,327		11,124
Rubber Manufactures		205,035		536,752		486,394
Specie—Bronze		2		Nil.		206
Gold		3,439		2,375		
Silver		123,069		4,784		26,910
Spirits—Brandy, bottled gal.	52,920	48,000	10,326	10,056	25,696	26,305
„ „ bulk „	99,086	31,293	67,083	26,090	144,394	79,707
Gin—British	61,985	17,394	55,504	16,551	58,959	23,394
Hollands, Geneva „	79,360	14,012	65,611	11,872	30,300	9,529
Schnapps	64,383	22,954	99,698	36,024	67,686	27,236
Rum—Bottled	4,053	2,350	2,932	1,790	1,251	1,302
„ Bulk	127,678	23,003	72,650	15,777	26,125	9,645
Whisky—Bottled	72,236	40,255	66,895	41,853	26,047	21,661
„ Bulk	997,305	343,606	770,126	330,225	912,544	600,893
Stationery		142,381		139,995		177,412
Sugar—Cane cwt.	178,839	121,569	1,131,644	1,005,018	1,032,002	951,428
Tea lb.	18,692,523	709,289	20,419,659	913,285	20,932,836	904,050
Timber—						
Dressed N.E.I. ... sup. ft.	13,420,353	121,731	3,195,255	34,067	744,402	12,174
Logs not sawn	8,866,378	37,982	5,071,861	20,453	610,389	4,730
N.Z. White Pine	42,369,240	257,187	36,764,874	228,424	42,236,119	278,637
Undressed N.E.I.	105,084,796	663,197	77,193,799	561,546	73,079,804	604,436
Tobacco—						
Manufactured N.E.I. lb.	1,482,692	124,174	1,069,800	86,533	1,285,699	96,073
Unmanufactured	5,953,076	308,842	8,725,123	501,435	7,784,945	473,898
Cigars	132,912	57,398	89,258	43,930	80,659	47,813
Cigarettes	61,641	23,914	74,332	25,954	78,707	29,716
Tools of Trade, not being machines		206,680		225,235		241,306
Trimmings and Ornaments		193,460		186,164		165,943
Vehicles—						
Bicycles, &c., and parts		91,289		124,637		124,156
Motor Car Bodies		67,095		122,126		111,060
„ Chassis		346,917		545,242		435,070
Other Vehicles and parts		154,221		179,874		218,136
Wines—Sparkling gal.	10,945	23,036	13,318	28,570	9,902	20,966
Still, bottle	18,998	13,582	19,609	12,806	19,194	14,517
Still, bulk	15,843	5,937	13,491	4,752	7,614	2,580
Yarns		60,178		187,745		321,771
All other Articles		6,199,087		8,391,267		6,857,155
Total		27,323,243		33,379,698		32,740,566

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No. 13.—Imports Oversea during October, and during the four months, July to October.

Article.	October.				July to October.			
	1917.		1916.		1917.		1916.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Ale, Beer—Bottle ... gal.	16,570	£ 4,514	56,382	£ 13,508	24,522	£ 7,951	138,017	£ 30,925
Bulk ... "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apparel and Attire... "	...	61,528	...	87,377	...	190,378	...	418,432
Socks and Stockings ... "	...	22,643	...	45,394	...	77,452	...	185,302
Bags and Sacks—Bran, Chaff, &c. doz.	20,500	7,037	12,334	4,098	99,760	31,118	68,834	23,612
Corn and Flour ... "	426,625	165,229	690,497	238,167	633,925	233,477	913,012	313,725
Woolpacks ... No.	16,300	2,903	26,750	4,063	507,450	80,365	475,350	72,215
Other ... doz	1,042	254	13,551	2,496	7,959	1,334	17,692	3,527
Bags, Purses, n.e.i....	...	5,784	...	14,277	...	22,362	...	50,270
Blankets and Blanketing ...	...	867	...	6,448	...	2,147	...	30,777
Books (printed), &c. ...	...	25,258	...	15,394	...	60,394	...	66,447
Books and Shoes ...	...	15,038	...	22,197	...	43,519	...	74,078
Bullion—Gold—Bar, ingot, &c. oz.	81,410	341,327	5,096	19,575	106,073	439,417	42,306	171,455
Silver " " "	52,746	5,785	81	10	115,023	13,304	125	19
Canvas and Duck ...	...	18,160	...	12,682	...	51,852	...	69,611
Carpets and Carpeting ...	...	14,978	...	16,750	...	36,957	...	72,139
Cement (Portland) ... cwt.	...	...	25	16	...	...	45	21
Clocks and Watches ...	...	5,368	...	12,766	...	27,115	...	55,400
Cocoa and Chocolate ... lb.	99,912	4,794	264,634	21,619	662,301	27,897	1,162,384	88,572
Confectionery, n.e.i. ...	10,021	978	153,484	7,644	105,761	4,787	544,603	30,178
Copper, Pipes and Tubes ... cwt.	13	222	128	874	165	2,146	577	4,685
Copra ... "	41,198	52,352	6,635	13,976	137,352	168,608	113,658	123,891
Cordage—Sewing Silks, &c. ...	...	36,233	...	19,363	...	97,142	...	94,162
Counterpanes, Cushions, &c. ...	...	13,620	...	25,634	...	44,887	...	79,914
Cutlery, n.e.i. ...	...	13,529	...	8,720	...	34,925	...	44,921
Drugs and Chemicals—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cream of Tartar ... cwt.	765	8,504	786	3,151	3,189	34,431	4,211	33,669
Other, free ...	...	...	...	17,268	...	15,583	...	86,157
Earthenware, &c. ...	...	6,814	...	12,435	...	16,353	...	38,661
Electrical Articles—Cable and Wire, covered ... cwt.	178	1,799	3,537	26,950	1,398	13,094	17,028	106,304
Fancy Goods ...	...	13,441	...	16,859	...	50,297	...	62,832
Fish—Preserved in tins, &c. lb.	230,665	14,140	935,191	38,960	647,404	33,322	1,811,755	76,468
Floor Cloths and Coverings ...	...	15,895	...	19,720	...	49,260	...	86,815
Fruits, fresh—Apples ... cntl.	...	...	6,071	6,459	...	...	6,259	6,804
Bananas ... "	8	5	29,755	14,683	22,225	12,062	110,608	57,161
Other ... "	354	348	56	55	382	370	241	211
Furniture ...	...	1,029	...	3,341	...	5,321	...	12,114
Gloves ...	...	9,512	...	4,281	...	30,828	...	28,523
Grain—Maize ... cntl.	...	...	189	82	62	109	11,087	4,339
Oats ... "	...	...	...	...	116	59	75	43
Rice ... "	605	532	177	128	156,863	82,391	4,797	3,226
Hats and Caps ...	...	13,243	...	13,257	...	59,883	...	73,976
Hessians ...	...	22,081	...	27,586	...	70,998	...	55,099
Instruments—Kinematographs, &c. ...	...	290	...	21,738	...	471	...	81,401
Pianos ... No.	227	8,552	529	13,481	1,430	45,934	1,811	49,214
Parts ...	...	6,431	...	2,507	...	13,419	...	10,158
Iron and Steel—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bar, Rod, Angle, Tee ... cwt	18,446	23,725	58,653	52,927	49,975	64,496	230,076	196,186
Girders, Beams, &c. ... "	513	555	9,775	6,392	5,931	5,423	29,953	19,328
Pig ... "	9,560	8,350	8,014	2,342	16,615	11,433	36,357	8,466
Plate and Sheet—Galvanised. "	...	43,408	73,523	16,308	29,246	119,867	247,161	...
Not galvanised ... "	5,027	6,629	22,363	17,348	20,890	23,904	97,851	68,347
Jewellery ...	...	6,994	...	6,870	...	25,931	...	36,530
Precious Stones, unset ...	...	19,096	...	31,083	...	59,539	...	71,765
Leather ...	...	17,289	...	23,307	...	40,336	...	79,206
Machines and Machinery—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Agricultural ...	...	23,606	...	32,905	...	47,604	...	76,119
Electrical ...	...	17,155	...	41,171	...	66,163	...	151,974
Engines ...	...	5,938	...	7,042	...	19,072	...	47,852
Mining ...	...	945	...	3,878	...	6,660	...	5,924
Motive Power ...	...	5,709	...	8,785	...	32,019	...	27,013
Sewing ...	...	31,144	...	10,232	...	61,684	...	38,222
Other ...	...	66,722	...	74,511	...	187,491	...	317,067

No. 13.—Imports Oversea during October, and during the four months,
July to October—*continued.*

Article.	October.				July to October.			
	1917.		1916.		1917.		1916.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Matches gross boxes	44,160	£ 5,057	18,606	£ 2,085	140,171	£ 17,283	137,466	£ 21,026
Medicines ... ..	...	13,907	...	18,305	...	51,906	...	88,789
Metals, Manufactures—								
Pipes and Tubes ... ..	...	24,375	...	14,445	...	72,224	...	111,648
Wire ... ..	...	14,442	...	18,012	...	58,432	...	79,915
Wire Netting ... ..	...	...	...	860	...	...	...	860
Miscellaneous ... ..	...	58,486	...	92,799	...	215,185	...	357,533
Oils, Bulk—Benzine ... gal.	995,662	81,036	316,257	24,115	1,671,925	130,717	2,155,410	161,328
Benzoline, &c.	95,200	7,144	155,989	11,347	231,836	21,885	765,514	52,670
Kerosene	775,458	22,842	423,025	12,978	2,439,518	71,318	1,354,785	38,561
Lubricating (Mineral) ...	112,265	9,281	187,036	11,723	610,052	41,854	1,139,089	55,004
Paints and Colours (prepared) ... cwt.	338	1,589	3,496	2,751	5,259	15,142	23,256	49,791
Paper—Printing ... ..	...	39,408	...	98,971	...	86,950	...	220,491
Writing ... ..	...	13,428	...	23,155	...	43,328	...	88,000
Piece Goods—Cotton, Linen	...	261,903	...	377,132	...	629,026	...	1,180,392
Flannels ... ..	...	316	...	12,602	...	2,240	...	43,503
Horsehair Cloth ... ..	...	1,302	...	473	...	2,956	...	4,052
Rubbered Waterproof ...	...	6,382	...	1,209	...	9,292	...	5,169
Silk ... ..	...	79,575	...	55,123	...	336,335	...	312,461
Velvets, Velveteens ...	...	31,680	...	29,657	...	97,522	...	145,509
Woolens ... ..	...	83,768	...	148,248	...	238,078	...	517,599
N.E.I. ... ..	...	5,587	...	20,414	...	22,037	...	60,161
Other ... ..	...	10,458	...	12,223	...	29,471	...	37,428
Rails, Fishplates, &c. ...	...	...	...	380	...	...	...	5,426
Rubber Manufactures ...	...	65,908	...	40,662	...	116,407	...	222,291
Specie—Bronze ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gold ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Silver ... ..	...	22,000	...	1,925	...	22,000	...	7,700
Spirits—Brandy, Bottled ... gal.	1,802	2,487	3,900	4,480	5,998	7,718	20,865	21,247
Brandy, Bulk	1,638	869	14,516	7,463	5,321	5,171	67,075	36,130
Gin—British	385	298	4,355	1,788	4,710	2,381	23,186	8,694
Hollands, Geneva ...	...	...	3,004	1,085	400	419	11,500	4,213
Schnapps ... ..	...	...	17,475	7,423	229	86	37,349	16,572
Rum, Bottled ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	636	632
Rum, Bulk	1,843	773	1,560	545	10,693	4,476	8,584	3,163
Whisky, Bottled	4,175	3,802	3,000	2,577	6,857	6,426	10,865	8,867
Whisky, Bulk	96,043	78,792	91,741	60,823	227,601	180,015	362,427	233,917
Stationery ... ..	...	12,784	...	20,233	...	40,925	...	72,191
Sugar—Cane cwt.	18	23	100,455	90,442	119,118	110,293	296,034	266,225
Tea lb.	2,535,988	95,703	1,534,162	74,125	10,539,911	421,651	6,666,686	304,174
Timber—Dressed sup. ft.	6,792	82	272,565	4,387	12,132	182	631,515	10,465
Logs, not sawn	1,315	16	34,109	255	87,142	808	273,207	2,522
N.Z. White Pine	2,407,754	17,883	4,593,344	32,234	7,977,046	59,841	1,779,164	102,202
Undressed, n.e.i.	2,546,228	18,517	3,923,397	44,797	16,533,096	167,038	31,785,736	256,947
Tobacco—Manufactured, n.e.i. lb.	3,343	722	116,089	7,389	168,663	7,134	384,932	28,743
Unmanufactured	11,587	1,378	1,176,741	73,005	168,118	10,027	1,788,793	106,843
Cigars	9,752	3,587	6,527	4,162	29,791	15,165	28,035	19,137
Cigarettes	4,258	1,637	7,016	2,668	17,066	6,855	34,140	12,494
Tools of Trade ... ..	...	9,933	...	25,324	...	50,715	...	94,687
Trimmings and Ornaments	...	23,348	...	11,651	...	52,387	...	68,231
Vehicles, Bicycles, &c., and parts	...	8,155	...	9,543	...	34,135	...	43,391
Motor Car Bodies ... ..	...	11,701	...	6,714	220	33,301	...	45,363
Motor Car Chassis ... ..	...	47,507	...	19,525	232	109,903	...	169,925
Other Vehicles and parts	...	26,280	...	19,338	...	61,835	...	65,614
Wines—Sparkling gal.	240	511	350	744	723	1,178	5,886	10,726
Still, bottled	4,391	3,143	1,580	1,168	7,657	6,578	7,346	4,899
Still, bulk ... ..	...	...	...	...	536	224	1,712	571
Yarns ... ..	...	17,836	...	29,666	...	68,499	...	117,034
All other Articles ... ..	...	522,700	...	573,538	...	1,824,749	...	2,226,050
Total ... ..	...	2,945,215	...	3,416,811	...	8,534,493	...	12,597,769

No. 14.—Principal Articles Imported at Sydney during October, 1917.

(Compiled from returns supplied by Sydney Harbour Trust.)

Article.	Oversea.*		Interstate.			State.	
	Quantity.	Measure- ment.	Quantity.	Measure- ment.	Value.	Quantity.	Measure- ment.
Agricultural Implements	tons	1	428	5	232	6,599	2
Ale, Beer, and Stout	...	...	216	...	221	3,029	16
Animals—Horses	No.	36	...	2	...	200	62
Horned Cattle	"	...	...	...	...	...	35
Calves	"	...	...	...	...	...	154
Pigs	"	...	...	...	...	...	4,149
Bacon and Hams	tons	...	...	47	2,938	...	388
Bananas	bohs.	...	...	...	...	158	...
"	cases	...	1,107	...	564	14,792	...
Boots, Shoes, &c.	tons	144	...	82	10,297	...	1
Bullion—Gold and Silver	cwt.	45 ¹	7 ¹	...	1,850	...	...
Butter	tons	...	...	3	252	...	1,696
Cement	...	5	37	...	191	...	...
Candles, tapers, night-lights	...	21	...	15	522	...	114
Chaff	tons	...	62	...	312	6	...
Cheese	"	...	...	111	7,279	200	20
Coal	"	...	...	...	...	32,783	...
" (bunker)	"	...	...	...	...	12,088	...
Confectionery	...	58	126	...	6,817	...	3
Cordage, rope, twine, &c.	tons	305	37	...	7,377	...	...
Drapery	...	3,559	317	...	40,344	...	111
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals	...	154	8	47	3,972	30	20
Earthenware	tons	6	344	26	648	...	5
Eggs (in shell)	...	...	...	17	356	...	492
Fish, fresh or frozen	...	7	...	...	...	...	491
Oysters, fresh or other	...	...	...	...	...	...	117
Flour	tons	...	25	...	361	...	...
Fruit, fresh	cases	1,146	53,350	...	18,828	16,657	...
Furniture	tons	43	...	25	815	...	3
Glass and Glassware	"	65	831	56	507	...	165
Grain—Maize	"	...	32	...	295	1,901	...
Oats	"	...	57 ²	...	4,604	...	...
Hardware	"	963	742	40	85	8,384	13
Hay	"	1	...	4	...	19	912
Hides and Skins	"	...	164	...	947	78,827	...
Iron—Galvanized	"	529	...	...	...	...	531
Pig	"	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jams and Jellies	"	...	...	182	5,168	...	1
Leatherware	"	...	34	83	12,697	...	28
Machinery and Machines	...	317	1,902	47	99	7,602	33
Matches and Match-making Materials	...	441	...	1	83	...	...
Milk and Cream, preserved	...	4	...	123	6,000	...	87
Molasses and Syrup	tons	...	8	26	570	163	...
Melons, Pumpkins, Squashes	No.	...	5,884	...	131	2,329	...
Onions	tons	...	16	...	160	1	...
Oilmen's Stores	...	45	697	18	92	5,652	6
Potatoes	"	...	878	...	...	8,710	10
Saddlery	"	2	13	...	3	218	...
Scap	"	...	15	...	43	1,735	...
Specie	tons	...	...	...	...	...	269
Spirits—Brandy	"	...	74	...	25	4,909	...
Gin	"	...	19	...	22	2,528	...
Rum	"	...	...	...	56	8,192	...
Whisky	"	...	927	...	5	631	...
Sugar	"	...	...	9,439	...	212,997	3,287
Tea	"	...	3,279	...	48	1,561	...
Timber—Sawn	sup. ft.	4,628,511	369,565	...	...	4,405	1,911,348
Rough	"	17,295	...	...	...	...	836,526
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	tons	...	176	...	73	19,870	...
Vegetables, fresh	"	...	...	108	66	1,088	162
Waters, Cordials, &c.	"	...	72	...	105	2,022	...
Wines	"	...	24	...	75	2,701	...
Woodenware	"	...	108	...	103	853	...
Wool—Bales and Butts	No.	2	...	812	...	17,035	8,393
Bags	"	...	...	...	...	...	109
Woollens	tons	...	163	...	67	5,891	...
All other Articles	"	17,112	23,925	2,499	3,517	199,407	3,043
Total	...	...	39,289	...	7,208	739,003	...
							9,446

* The total overseas imports were valued at £2,897,557.

No. 15.—Shipping—all Ports.

(Compiled from Returns supplied by Customs Department.)

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage Entered.		Tonnage Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1906	2,893	5,283,719	2,883	5,275,031	4,659,821	623,898	4,658,235	616,796
1907	3,238	6,070,953	3,205	6,009,282	5,257,019	813,934	5,228,469	780,813
1908	3,196	6,298,784	3,219	6,303,125	5,822,060	476,724	5,737,747	565,378
1909	2,861	5,870,034	2,767	5,689,426	5,388,231	481,803	5,254,376	435,050
1910	2,937	6,290,119	3,035	6,471,855	5,892,049	398,070	6,047,832	424,023
1911	3,127	6,822,135	3,146	6,833,782	6,427,442	394,693	6,424,865	408,917
1912	3,354	7,490,046	3,346	7,453,005	7,010,420	479,626	6,975,678	477,327
1913	3,393	8,117,501	3,375	8,071,101	7,800,389	317,112	7,744,422	326,679
Jan.—June, 1914	1,799	4,393,002	1,765	4,318,636	4,147,905	245,097	4,119,514	199,122
1914-15	3,000	7,051,503	3,059	7,219,914	6,892,390	159,113	7,004,886	215,028
1915-16	3,045	6,552,235	3,062	6,574,582	6,346,795	205,440	6,360,428	214,154
1916-17	2,239	5,836,272	2,610	5,784,164	5,719,724	116,548	5,673,942	110,222
July-Oct., 1917	564	1,224,646	546	1,132,838	1,182,953	41,693	1,107,486	25,352
" 1916	992	2,271,975	976	2,182,993	2,229,526	42,449	2,136,595	46,398
October, 1917	121	298,339	143	297,810	284,339	14,000	288,436	9,374
" 1916	242	580,070	230	536,514	574,239	5,831	525,614	10,900

NOTE.—The shipping recorded in the above table is "Oversea" and "Interstate" only.

No. 16.—Shipping entered—Port of Sydney.

(Compiled from Returns supplied by Sydney Harbour Trust.)

Year.	Description of Vessels.	Number of Vessels.			Net Tonnage.		
		Oversea and Interstate.	State.	Total.	Oversea and Interstate.	State.	Total.
1907	Steam ...	2,456	6,589	9,045	5,105,343	1,553,200	6,658,543
	Sailing ...	318	1,011	1,329	377,080	134,516	511,596
1908	Steam ...	2,460	6,469	8,929	5,205,883	1,596,569	6,802,452
	Sailing ...	190	904	1,094	169,339	135,783	305,122
1909	Steam ...	2,314	5,713	8,027	5,148,293	1,483,635	6,631,928
	Sailing ...	193	724	917	171,638	97,491	269,129
1910	Steam ...	2,292	5,700	7,992	5,398,910	1,474,145	6,873,055
	Sailing ...	173	679	852	174,789	89,464	264,253
1911	Steam ...	2,408	6,138	8,546	5,903,713	1,626,209	7,529,922
	Sailing ...	168	502	670	159,031	80,087	239,118
1912	Steam ...	2,747	6,417	9,164	6,580,862	1,738,343	8,319,205
	Sailing ...	110	401	511	120,072	54,782	174,854
1913	Steam ...	2,696	6,718	9,414	7,063,444	1,790,740	8,854,184
	Sailing ...	107	401	508	109,725	54,876	164,601
Jan.—June, 1914	Steam ...	1,371	3,278	4,649	3,722,136	881,795	4,603,931
	Sailing ...	65	167	232	80,675	25,971	106,646
1914-15	Steam ...	2,452	6,640	9,092	6,290,718	1,761,927	8,052,645
	Sailing ...	70	304	374	67,980	43,708	111,688
1915-16	Steam ...	2,321	6,571	8,892	5,589,677	1,762,430	7,352,107
	Sailing ...	152	241	393	136,511	46,659	183,170
1916-17	Steam ...	2,026	6,100	8,126	5,000,450	1,576,907	6,577,357
	Sailing ...	127	200	327	107,841	40,630	148,471
July-Oct., 1917	Steam ...	465	1,615	2,080	1,103,941	393,459	1,497,400
	Sailing ...	38	72	110	32,442	10,707	43,149
" 1916	Steam ...	735	2,272	3,007	1,909,390	579,055	2,488,445
	Sailing ...	47	76	123	36,503	16,899	53,402
October, 1917	Steam ...	107	426	533	273,434	103,571	377,005
	Sailing ...	7	17	24	5,991	3,007	8,998
" 1916	Steam ...	177	544	721	471,079	143,239	614,318
	Sailing ...	4	18	22	2,263	3,439	5,702

NOTE.—"Oversea and Interstate" shipping includes the trips and tonnages of vessels which proceed to Newcastle or bunker coal, which return to Sydney, but which do not then report at the Customs.

No.17.—State Revenue (October), and four months (July to October).

(Advances recovered are not included.)

Source of Revenue.	October.		Increase or Decrease (-)	July to October.		Increase or Decrease (-)
	1916.	1917.		1916-17.	1917-18.	
Governmental—	£	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth Returns' ...	191,489	190,576	(-) 913	765,956	764,482	(-) 1,474
Taxation (by State) ...	83,045	136,084	53,039	718,374	581,859	(-) 136,515
Public Lands ...	121,450	136,324	14,874	509,915	559,711	49,796
All other sources ...	75,919	84,952	9,033	269,071	259,047	(-) 10,024
Gross Total ...	471,903	547,936	76,033	2,263,316	2,165,099	(-) 98,217
Refunds ...	10,628	15,386	4,758	36,961	42,927	5,966
Net Total ...	461,275	532,550	71,275	2,226,355	2,122,172	(-) 104,183
Business Undertakings by State—						
Railways and Tramways ...	851,556	885,121	33,565	3,149,971	2,827,816	(-) 322,155
Other ...	191,964	208,899	16,935	511,767	548,981	37,214
Gross Total ...	1,043,520	1,094,020	50,500	3,661,738	3,376,797	(-) 284,941
Refunds ...	4,549	3,635	(-) 914	24,405	20,395	(-) 4,010
Net Total ...	1,038,971	1,090,385	51,414	3,637,333	3,356,402	(-) 280,931
Net Revenue and Receipts proper	£ 1,500,246	1,622,935	122,689	5,863,688	5,478,574	(-) 385,114

No. 18.—State Expenditure (October), and four months (July to October).

(Transfers and Advances are not included.)

Distribution of Expenditure.	October.		Increase or Decrease (-)	July to October.		Increase or Decrease (-)
	1916.	1917.		1916-17.	1917-18.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Governmental ...	600,206	630,474	30,268	2,285,821	2,363,513	77,692
Business Undertakings ...	638,353	606,811	(-) 31,542	2,713,230	2,403,581	(-) 309,649
Interest ...	512,185	1,091,124	578,939	2,215,778	2,316,569	100,791
Total Expenditure ...	£ 1,750,744	2,328,409	577,665	7,214,829	7,083,663	(-) 131,166

No. 19.—Transactions on Consolidated Revenue Account, four months (July to October).

Particulars.	1916-17.	1917-18.
	£	£
Balance on 1st July ...	Dr. 214,340	Dr. 483,138
Revenue proper—Governmental ...	2,226,355*	2,122,172*
Business Undertakings ...	3,637,333*	3,356,402*
Other Receipts ...	4,523	75,101
Total Receipts ...	£ 5,868,211	5,553,675
Expenditure proper—Governmental ...	2,285,821†	2,363,513†
Business Undertakings ...	2,713,230†	2,403,581†
Interest ...	2,215,778	2,316,569
Bogan Scrub Clearing ...	.....	.....
Two-thirds Net-proceeds Sale—Crown Lands ...	.....	.....
Transfer to Special Deposit Account, Forestry Revenue ...	.....	11,955
Public Works Fund, Grant in aid ...	.....	250,000
Wheat Acquisition Act ...	70,000	.....
Meat Supply for Imperial Uses Act ...	117,414	19,065
Other Payments ...	114,849	156,845
Total Payments ...	£ 7,517,092	7,521,528
Balance at 31st October ...	£ Dr. 1,863,221	Dr. 2,450,991

* As per Table No. 17. † As per Table No. 18.

NOTE.—The total receipts in this table (No. 24), represent the gross transactions, including advances recovered, while the expenditure includes transfers to various funds, also temporary advances made. These items are not included in Tables Nos. 22 and 23, but they are necessary in order to ascertain the balances of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

No. 20.—State Revenue—Comparison—Monthly.

Month.	1916-17.			1917-18.			Increase (+) Decrease (—)
	Governmental.	Business Under-takings.	Total.	Governmental.	Business Under-takings.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
July	593,320	738,008	1,331,328	525,573	831,945	1,357,518	(+) 26,190
August	682,910	869,932	1,552,842	581,910	671,620	1,253,530	(-) 299,312
September	488,850	990,422	1,479,272	482,139	762,452	1,244,591	(-) 234,681
October	461,275	1,038,971	1,500,246	532,550	1,090,385	1,622,935	(+) 122,689
Total (4 months) ...	2,226,355	3,637,333	5,863,688	2,122,172	3,356,402	5,478,574	(-) 385,114

No. 21.—State Expenditure—Comparison—Monthly.

Month.	1916-17.			1917-18.			Increase (+) Decrease (—)
	Governmental (including Interest and Sinking Fund).	Business Under-takings.	Total.	Governmental (including Interest and Sinking Fund).	Business Under-takings.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
July	878,593	705,187	1,583,780	919,511	737,549	1,657,060	(+) 73,280
August	884,168	732,179	1,616,347	916,274	724,447	1,640,721	(+) 24,374
September	1,626,447	637,511	2,263,958	1,122,699	334,774	1,457,473	(-) 806,485
October	1,112,391	638,353	1,750,744	1,721,598	606,811	2,328,409	(+) 577,665
Total (4 months) ...	4,501,599	2,713,230	7,214,829	4,680,082	2,403,581	7,083,663	(-) 131,166

No. 22.—Public Debt and Expenditure from Loans, 1907-17.

Year ended 30th June.	Public Debt at end of Year.	Expenditure from Loans during Year.				
		Reproductive Works.			Other Works and Services.	Total.
		Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply and Sewerage (including Water Conservation).	Harbours and Rivers (including Docks, Resumptions, &c.).		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1907	85,607,832	421,742	325,908	172,361	174,227	1,094,238
1908	87,635,826	1,363,314	370,819	138,561	92,635	1,965,329
1909	90,307,419	2,127,633	617,589	114,095	47,190	2,906,507
1910	92,525,095	2,471,284	578,111	158,732	38,513	3,246,640
1911	95,523,926	2,547,672	730,819	234,213	409,054	3,921,758
1912	100,052,635	3,448,127	1,344,211	413,998	284,767	5,491,103
1913	106,170,747	4,618,967	1,595,093	676,180	813,354	7,703,594
1914	116,695,031	5,714,964	1,942,497	862,927	606,456	9,126,844
1915	127,735,405	4,690,908	1,368,260	685,231	251,708	6,996,107
1916	130,514,018	4,983,632	1,535,364	1,005,291	648,817	8,173,104
1917	138,138,347	3,992,809	1,435,674	962,881	470,815	6,862,179

NOTE.—Redemptions of Loans are not included in the Expenditure.

No. 23.—Net Revenue and Receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1909-10 to 1916-17.

Head of Revenue.	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
Governmental :—								
Taxation—								
Commonwealth—Balance of Revenue collected and returned to State	£ 3,347,616	£ 1,942,245	£ 2,046,993	£ 2,178,683	£ 2,248,241	£ 2,287,295	£ 2,297,872	£ 2,286,913
State	1,223,521	1,027,519	1,885,653	1,405,360	2,330,005	2,955,670	3,117,221	3,629,404
	£ 4,571,137	2,969,764	3,932,646	3,584,043	4,578,246	5,242,965	5,415,093	5,916,317
Land—								
Alienations	850,363	944,030	894,797	999,363	982,885	906,785	1,057,711	972,658
Revenue	818,869	810,427	774,451	836,585	846,002	791,296	807,602	774,351
	£ 1,669,232	1,754,457	1,669,248	1,835,948	1,828,887	1,698,081	1,865,313	1,747,009
Receipts for Services rendered	£ 375,951	419,388	383,669	412,727	453,016	408,390	414,671	417,345
Miscellaneous Receipts	356,488	317,082	647,672	495,427	482,649	561,093	502,328	550,008
Industrial Undertakings of the State ... ..	.....	.....	20,281	32,885	6,300	10,358	9,060	12,710
Total Governmental	£ 6,972,808	5,460,691	6,653,516	6,361,030	7,349,098	7,920,887	8,206,465	8,643,389
Business Undertakings by the State :—								
Railway Commissioners	6,664,236	7,412,127	8,067,597	8,544,376	9,684,877	9,660,822	9,990,502	10,390,602
Sydney Harbour Trust	337,454	374,280	412,410	452,244	470,773	464,681	489,722	511,980
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage	512,615	537,355	584,654	633,599	713,056	796,338	844,664	866,314
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board	52,960	54,686	58,788	66,145	80,945	85,823	98,089	99,448
Total Business Undertakings	£ 7,567,265	8,378,448	9,123,449	9,696,364	10,949,651	11,007,664	11,422,977	11,868,344
Total	£ 14,540,073	13,839,139	15,776,965	16,057,394	18,298,749	18,928,551	19,629,442	20,511,733
Other Receipts (Advances Repaid, &c.)	42,342	43,346	20,171	203,062	139,480	17,676	74,076	26,102
Grand Total	£ 14,582,415	13,882,485	15,797,136	16,260,456	18,438,229	18,946,227	19,703,518	20,537,835

No. 24.—Net Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1909-10 to 1916-17.

Head of Expenditure.	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
Governmental:—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest on Public Debt and on Funds in temporary possession of Government (exclusive of Business Undertakings)	807,929	801,754	897,215	950,895	1,022,732	971,435	1,057,769	1,004,193
Reduction of Public Debt	421,034	409,349	436,921	450,602	5,632	5,688	6,504	6,868
Local Government and Main Roads—Endowments and Grants ...	281,815	295,714	341,264	281,304	258,352	281,243	344,022	331,613
Hospitals and Charities (including Lunacy)	518,321	550,956	567,185	643,969	733,387	769,311	880,243	929,218
Police and Prisons	529,935	558,681	574,781	641,858	655,189	653,282	652,119	694,120
Departments—								
Premier	52,492	62,727	109,632	115,303	85,925	185,883	175,978	132,923
Chief Secretary and Public Health (excluding Police, Hospitals, &c.)	88,746	90,293	101,533	107,827	122,666	132,955	126,539	135,172
Treasurer (excluding Charitable Allowances, &c.)	476,295	488,501	586,994	603,520	624,716	593,936	594,751	735,911
Attorney-General and Justice (excluding Prisons)	264,279	268,528	291,971	301,788	325,776	333,965	334,058	331,390
Lands	370,294	380,061	382,396	391,752	384,478	451,025	410,017	384,854
Public Works (excluding Local Government Endowments, &c.) ...	380,850	399,368	507,650	540,515	418,225	441,523	444,698	459,035
Public Instruction (including Grants to Educational and Scientific Institutions)	1,145,038	1,206,942	1,405,358	1,490,205	1,607,324	1,635,453	1,698,515	1,853,049
Labour and Industry	5,477	6,086	19,098	39,510	54,049	43,759	50,111	55,156
Mines	61,707	63,644	64,347	63,157	67,834	71,010	74,803	62,425
Agriculture	165,047	175,054	187,062	216,366	295,943	236,163	245,298	249,244
Local Government and Main Roads ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,777	29,612
All other Services	522,884	411,140	387,790	545,927	450,190	420,223	445,516	445,058
Total, Governmental	£ 6,092,143	6,168,798	6,861,197	7,384,498	7,112,418	7,226,854	7,562,718	7,839,841
Business Undertakings, including Interest on Capital:—								
Railways and Tramways	6,131,654	6,759,942	7,501,224	8,520,415	9,505,926	9,540,159	10,107,149	10,794,694
Water Supply and Sewerage	536,669	576,072	608,534	644,347	725,931	785,300	841,278	984,803
Sydney Harbour Trust	286,212	307,253	314,143	332,839	366,698	383,435	420,669	464,564
Total, Business Undertakings	£ 6,954,535	7,643,267	8,423,901	9,497,601	10,598,555	10,708,894	11,369,096	12,244,061
Transfers to Public Works and Closer Settlement Funds	1,146,177	536,153	638,729	559,698	336,541	499,408	589,818	563,043
Advances made	37,531	22,469	213,452	47,039	17,676	81,023	32,295	159,688
Grand Total	£ 14,230,386	14,470,687	16,137,279	17,488,836	18,065,190	18,516,179	19,553,927	20,806,633

No. 25.—Transactions on Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1911-12 to 1916-17.

	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward ...	Cr. 401,505	Cr. 61,363	Dr. 1,167,017	Dr. 793,978	Dr. 363,931	Dr. 214,340
Net Revenue Proper ...	15,776,965	16,057,394	18,298,749	18,928,551	19,629,442	20,511,733
Advances Repaid ...	20,171	203,062	139,480	17,676	74,076	26,102
(A) Total Receipts for year	15,797,136	16,260,456	18,438,229	18,946,227	19,703,518	20,537,835
Net Expenditure Proper ...	14,848,177	16,356,497	17,705,341	17,930,060	18,925,310	20,077,034
Payments to Sinking Fund.	436,921	450,602	5,032	5,688	6,504	6,868
Advances—Treasurer's Account and Loan Votes ...	213,452	47,039	17,676	81,023	32,295	159,688
Public Works Fund—Statutory payment of $\frac{2}{3}$ of Proceeds of Sale of Crown lands, less 20 per cent. ...	348,664	359,698	336,541	200,408	354,818	328,043
Payments in aid—						
Public Works Fund ...	290,065	200,000	.....	200,000	235,000	235,000
Closer Settlement Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Advance to Railway Loan A/c	.....	75,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
(B) Total Disbursements during year ...	16,137,279	17,488,836	18,065,190	18,516,179	19,553,927	20,806,633
Surplus on Transactions of year—(A)–(B) ...	(–)340,143	(–)1,228,380	373,039	430,048	149,591	(–)268,798

(–) Denotes deficiency.

No. 26.—Revenue per head collected by the State, 1907-1917.

Year.	Governmental.					Business Undertakings.					Total Revenue.
	Taxation.	Returned by Commonwealth	Land Revenue.	Other Revenue.	Total.	Railways and Tramways.	Water and Sewerage.	Harbour Trust.	Total.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1906-7	0 18 5	2 0 4	1 5 2	9 2	4 13 1	3 14 8	7 2 4	0 4 5	10 8 18	11	
1907-8	0 14 1	2 6 11	1 3 4	8 11	4 13 3	3 18 0	7 2 4	3 4 9	5 9 2	8	
1908-9	0 11 7	2 3 0	1 2 10	8 3	4 5 8	3 18 8	6 10 4	3 4 9	9 8 15	5	
1909-10	0 15 4	2 1 11	1 1 8	8 11	4 7 10	4 3 6	7 1 4	3 4 14	10 9 2	8	
1910-11	0 12 6	1 3 9	1 2 5	8 6	3 7 2	4 10 6	7 2 4	7 5 2	3 8 9	5	
1911-12	1 2 2	1 4 1	1 0 10	11 6	3 18 7	4 15 0	7 7 4	10 5 7	7 9 6	0	
1912-13	0 15 10	1 4 6	1 0 7	12 10	3 13 9	4 16 1	7 10 5	1 5 9	0 9 2	9	
1913-14	1 5 5	1 4 6	0 19 11	11 10	4 1 8	5 5 8	8 8 5	2 5 19	6 10 1	2	
1914-15	1 11 8	1 4 7	0 18 3	10 8	4 5 2	5 3 8	9 5 0	5 18 1	10 3 3	3	
1915-16	1 13 4	1 4 7	0 10 8	4 8	5 8 7	5 6 11	10 1 5	3 6 2	3 10 10	10	
1916-17	1 18 11	1 4 7	0 18 9	10 9	4 13 0	5 11 6	10 5 5	6 6 7	5 11 0	5	

No. 27.—Expenditure per head by the State, 1907-17.

Year.	Governmental.				Business Undertakings.				Total Expenditure.
	Public Instruction.	Interest and Sinking Funds.	Other Services.	Total.	Railways and Tramways.*	Water and Sewerage.*	Harbo'r Trust.*	Total.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1906-7	0 12 8	0 17 6	3 5 4	4 15 6	3 5 11	6 3 3	3 6 3	3 15 8	8 11 2
1907 8	0 13 7	0 14 10	3 12 6	5 0 11	3 9 0	6 7 3	7 3 19	2 9 0	1
1908-9	0 13 11	0 15 10	3 15 7	5 5 4	3 13 1	6 9 3	7 4 3	5 9 8	9
1909-10	0 14 4	0 15 5	3 1 4	4 11 1	3 16 10	6 8 3	7 4 7	1 8 18	2
1910-11	0 14 9	0 14 10	2 13 8	4 3 3	4 2 6	7 1 3	9 4 13	4 8 16	7
1911-12	0 16 5	0 15 8	2 18 8	4 10 9	4 8 4	7 3 3	8 4 19	3 9 10	0
1912-13	0 16 9	0 15 9	2 17 4	4 9 10	4 15 9	7 3 3	9 5 6	9 16 7	7
1913-14	0 17 7	0 11 3	2 12 8	4 1 6	5 3 9	7 11 4	0 5 15	8 9 17	2
1914-15	0 17 6	0 10 6	2 15 9	4 3 9	5 2 5	8 5 4	1 5 14	11 9 18	8
1915-16	0 18 2	0 11 5	2 18 0	4 7 7	5 8 2	9 0 4	6 6 1	8 10 9	3
1916-17	0 19 11	0 10 10	3 1 2	4 12 11	5 15 10	10 7 5	0 6 11	5 11 3	4

NOTE.—See Tables Nos. 28 and 29 for actual amounts received and expended.

* Includes payment of interest on capital expenditure.

No. 28.—Trading Banks—Liabilities.

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 30th June.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1907	1,684,746	272,347	18,704,401	23,392,858	42,097,259	83,826	44,138,178
1908	1,713,314	283,567	18,847,680	24,769,305	43,616,985	357,320	45,971,186
1909	1,659,826	298,868	18,846,211	25,834,135	44,680,346	129,093	46,768,133
1910	1,801,807	370,885	23,512,712	26,642,873	50,155,585	100,348	52,428,625
1911	1,819,180	402,760	25,985,355	29,341,683	55,327,038	206,181	57,755,159
1912	226,151	418,504	27,937,492	30,292,076	58,229,568	177,130	59,051,353
1913	142,686	431,429	26,504,388	†30,777,791	†57,282,179	861,270	58,717,564
1914	111,939	510,811	29,944,028	†32,983,409	†62,927,437	1,177,365	64,727,552
1915	95,505	419,227	33,186,317	†35,031,367	†68,217,684	1,236,574	69,968,990
1916	87,315	529,211	43,610,878	†36,435,167	†80,046,045	2,120,888	82,783,460
1917	80,765	584,564	46,599,978	†37,449,286	†84,049,264	1,534,805	86,249,398
Sept. 1917	77,976	454,887	41,221,201	†33,653,066	†79,874,267	1,563,552	81,970,682
„ 1916	85,625	488,883	44,289,135	†36,784,343	†81,073,478	1,571,363	83,219,349

† Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits which have already been included under the returns of Savings Banks—Table No. 31. On 30th September, 1917, the amount so included was £3,892,943.

No. 29.—Trading Banks—Assets.

Quarter ended 30th June.	Coin.	Bullion.	Australian Notes.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1907	8,966,445	162,008	.....	1,777,304	34,477,917	340,606	497,728	46,222,008
1908	9,617,962	190,432	.....	1,783,694	37,968,766	348,516	487,604	50,396,974
1909	10,096,626	222,304	.....	1,791,040	37,109,453	344,069	419,509	49,983,001
1910	12,785,389	195,204	.....	1,824,349	37,482,907	407,089	607,367	53,302,305
1911	14,327,999	196,961	1,770,751	1,871,811	42,456,515	664,320	618,467	61,906,824
1912	12,116,947	196,110	1,992,519	1,930,319	47,449,649	293,103	488,699	64,467,346
1913	11,839,977	143,723	1,854,248	1,967,555	45,147,699	365,625	1,110,028	62,428,855
1914	15,364,463	120,338	1,845,189	1,953,111	47,765,084	498,760	1,571,433	69,118,378
1915	14,711,181	117,900	7,273,320	2,108,633	51,379,741	484,435	1,322,677	77,397,887
1916	11,570,443	134,935	13,073,103	2,255,032	59,101,909	504,809	2,284,894	88,925,125
1917	11,022,375	541,657	11,766,417	2,348,946	63,031,127	534,028	1,839,955	91,084,505
Sept. 1917	11,459,040	602,490	10,781,937	2,366,243	64,991,098	507,208	1,900,997	92,609,013
„ 1916	12,102,361	132,606	13,983,869	2,356,011	59,318,318	475,929	1,733,625	90,102,719

No. 30.—Trading Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.					Amount.	Year.					Amount.
					£						£
1905	...	...	...	...	189,826,381	1911	...	...	...	...	394,488,435
1906	...	...	...	...	220,860,512	1912	...	...	...	...	339,621,122
1907	...	...	...	...	234,169,822	1913	...	...	...	...	348,741,175
1908	...	...	...	...	227,736,243	1914	...	...	...	...	353,068,040
1909	...	...	...	...	240,645,737	1915	...	...	...	...	357,803,424
1910	...	...	...	...	274,343,666	1916	...	...	...	...	422,371,972
Total, 1st January to 29th October, 1917...						...	...	...	...	...	363,040,954
,, ,, 30th October, 1916...						...	...	...	...	...	350,929,190

No. 31.—Savings Banks.

Year ended 30th June.	Number of Depositors on 30th June.	Value of Deposits on 30th June.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited on 30th June.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
	No.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1906	*379,631	*14,881,260	1,383,008	39 4 0	10 0 6
1907	408,859	16,338,051	1,456,791	39 19 2	10 15 3
1908	435,618	17,849,384	1,511,333	40 19 6	11 11 3
1909	444,930	19,022,151	1,172,767	42 15 1	12 1 6
1910	478,006	20,823,764	1,801,613	43 11 3	12 18 0
1911	522,251	23,381,014	2,557,250	44 15 4	14 1 5
1912	577,232	26,539,640	3,158,626	45 19 6	15 5 3
†1913	647,124	29,568,282	3,028,642	45 13 10	16 6 10
†1914	717,737	33,167,523	3,599,241	46 4 3	17 17 2
†1915	755,835	35,562,649	2,395,126	47 1 0	19 0 9
†1916	806,882	37,363,272	1,800,623	46 6 1	20 0 8
†1917	872,351	40,836,747	3,473,475	46 16 3	21 17 4

* Savings Bank of New South Wales at 31st December following.

† Includes returns from Savings Bank Branch of Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

No. 32.—State Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net Earnings.	Train miles run.	Net Earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1907	3,453	44,700,230	2,209,665	12,949,068	3 5	41,413,084
1908	3,473	45,683,484	2,229,295	14,251,052	3 1½	47,487,030
1909	3,623	47,612,666	2,075,626	15,074,144	2 9	52,051,556
1910	3,643	48,925,348	2,209,306	15,468,026	2 10½	53,644,271
1911	3,761	50,971,894	2,351,144	17,006,697	2 9½	60,919,628
1912	3,832	53,514,903	2,321,882	18,521,320	2 6	70,706,728
1913	3,930	57,653,778	2,104,104	19,184,247	2 2½	79,490,012
1914	3,967	61,264,869	2,332,421	20,549,695	2 3½	86,328,421
1915	4,134	65,583,274	2,305,349	20,420,023	2 3	88,774,451
1916	4,188	68,825,592	2,344,910	21,556,034	2 2½	92,850,838
1917	4,437	72,006,621	2,464,725	20,300,717	2 5½	96,709,846
* Sept., 1917	4,437	72,006,621	402,832	3,029,393	2 7¾	20,433,039
* „ 1916	4,274	68,825,592	547,001	5,366,486	2 0½	24,040,199

* Quarter ended 30th September.

No. 33.—State Tramways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net Earnings.	Tramway miles run.	Net earnings per tram mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1907	129	3,669,524	180,754	16,620,434	0 2½	155,017,982
1908	133	3,732,991	202,929	17,521,410	0 2½	172,020,932
1909	151	4,252,731	222,005	18,853,621	0 2½	186,318,738
1910	166	4,668,797	201,981	20,579,386	0 2½	201,151,021
1911	190	5,121,586	221,682	22,541,429	0 2½	230,275,938
1912	195	5,664,324	249,980	24,362,219	0 2½	266,789,546
1913	208	6,699,305	182,376	26,954,767	0 1½	294,455,452
1914	212	7,628,653	265,131	28,415,476	0 2½	310,592,608
1915	220	7,970,293	374,774	26,842,974	0 3½	289,282,845
1916	221	8,166,423	388,978	26,451,442	0 3½	292,021,774
1917	224	8,309,629	317,172	25,361,992	0 3	295,303,714
* Sept., 1917	224	8,309,629	32,509	3,809,354	0 2	48,308,318
* „ 1916	221	8,166,423	88,292	6,463,659	0 3½	71,714,876

* Quarter ended 30th September.

No. 34.—Area under Crop.

Season ended June.	Wh at.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane Cut for Crushing.	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	Potatoes.	All Crops. *
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres	acres.	acres.	acres.
1906	1,939,447	189,353	38,543	10,313	438,036	5,279	26,374	2,838,081
1907	1,866,253	174,115	56,431	10,378	458,172	4,951	36,815	2,824,211
1908	1,390,171	160,980	75,762	9,916	542,761	4,644	31,917	2,570,137
1909	1,394,056	180,812	59,881	6,951	715,896	4,472	26,301	2,713,971
1910	1,990,180	212,797	81,452	6,480	630,664	4,561	35,725	3,174,864
1911	2,128,826	213,217	77,991	5,596	638,577	4,354	44,452	3,381,921
1912	2,380,710	167,781	71,047	5,244	654,149	4,260	43,148	3,629,170
1913	2,231,514	170,471	85,175	6,137	947,062	4,403	34,124	3,737,269
1914	3,205,397	156,820	103,416	6,198	801,130	4,498	38,725	4,568,841
1915	2,758,024	143,663	43,476	6,012	785,944	4,113	30,418	4,808,627
1916	4,188,865	154,130	58,636	6,030	1,108,919	3,501	19,589	5,794,835

* The figures in this column are exclusive of areas double-cropped.

No. 35.—Production of Crops.

Season ended June.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Potatoes.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	tons.	£
1906	20,737,200	5,539,750	883,081	201,998	459,182	831,700	50,386	6,543,050
1907	21,817,938	5,763,000	1,404,574	221,560	621,846	1,140,000	114,856	7,517,550
1908	9,155,884	4,527,852	851,776	277,390	376,860	778,500	55,882	6,587,990
1909	15,483,276	5,216,038	1,119,558	144,760	730,014	736,262	71,794	8,318,900
1910	28,532,029	7,098,255	1,966,586	131,081	981,201	808,870	100,143	10,908,320
1911	27,913,547	7,594,130	1,702,706	160,311	843,080	805,600	121,033	9,493,060
1912	25,088,102	4,507,342	1,155,226	147,799	728,474	850,210	75,166	9,748,820
1913	32,487,336	5,111,990	1,674,075	140,914	1,108,275	719,100	91,642	11,816,790
1914	38,020,381	4,453,309	1,835,406	185,970	955,047	561,100	106,849	12,377,650
1915	12,830,530	3,174,825	513,910	181,606	613,262	549,140	40,709	10,031,760
1916	66,764,910	3,773,600	1,345,698	157,748	1,573,938	571,000	44,445	20,362,360

No. 36.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Season ended June.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Potatoes.	Value per acre.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	tons.	£ s. d.
1906	10'7	29'3	22'9	19'59	1'05	157	1'91	2 6 1
1907	11'7	33'1	24'9	21'34	1'36	230	3'11	2 13 3
1908	6'6	28'1	11'2	27'97	0'69	168	1'75	2 11 3
1909	11'1	28'8	18'7	20'83	1'02	165	2'73	3 1 3
1910	14'3	33'4	24'1	20'23	1'56	177	2'80	3 8 9
1911	13'1	35'6	21'8	28'65	1'32	185	2'72	2 16 2
1912	10'5	26'9	16'3	28'18	1'11	200	1'74	2 13 9
1913	14'6	29'0	19'7	22'06	1'17	163	2'68	3 3 3
1914	11'9	28'4	17'7	30'00	1'19	125	2'76	2 14 2
1915	4'7	22'1	11'8	30'21	0'78	134	1'34	2 1 9
Av'ge for 10 years	10'9	29'8	18'9	24'49	1'12	171	2'38	2 14 6
1916	15'9	24'5	23'0	26'16	1'42	163	2'27	3 10 3

No. 37.—Live Stock.

Period.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.*	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
31st Dec., 1904	482,663	591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666
" 1905	506,884	644,164	1,693,809	39,506,764	310,702
" 1906	537,762	713,049	1,836,895	44,132,421	243,370
" 1907	578,326	756,916	1,994,277	44,461,839	216,145
" 1908	591,045	777,149	2,178,785	43,370,797	215,822
" 1909	604,784	794,549	2,233,178	46,202,578	237,849
" 1910	650,636	866,030	2,274,277	45,560,969	321,632
" 1911	689,004	894,744	2,299,492	44,947,287	371,093
" 1912	716,457	852,782	2,188,052	39,044,502	293,653
" 1913	746,170	822,667	2,000,073	39,850,223	288,090
30th June, 1915	733,341	850,957	1,626,635	33,009,038	286,704
" 1916	719,542	835,719	1,570,051	32,600,729	281,158

* The figures for the last nine years are made up as follow :—

Period.	Milch Cows.		Dry Dairy Cows		Heifers within 3 months of calving.		Total Dairy Cows.
31st Dec., 1907	..	506,395	..	206,828	..	43,693	756,916
" 1908	..	527,843	..	208,840	..	40,466	777,149
" 1909	..	566,378	..	189,607	..	38,664	794,549
" 1910	..	632,786	..	193,657	..	39,587	866,030
" 1911	..	638,525	..	218,593	..	37,626	894,744
" 1912	..	620,730	..	201,310	..	30,742	852,782
" 1913	..	600,420	..	189,769	..	32,478	822,667
30th June, 1915	..	426,173	..	344,247	..	80,587	850,957
" 1916	..	426,227	..	317,368	..	92,124	835,719

No. 38.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1905	297,154,000	495,160	53,040,250	4,625,980	11,652,440
1906	325,441,000	487,830	58,941,137	5,389,345	11,843,595
1907	367,446,000	490,430	60,041,449	4,586,857	10,358,526
1908	338,129,000	420,630	61,380,876	4,763,360	9,488,299
1909	370,808,000	640,110	62,865,608	4,775,268	9,931,377
1910	415,338,000	742,200	76,624,830	5,191,089	12,620,067
1911	371,546,000	729,330	83,204,568	5,460,652	16,102,827
1912	326,804,000	568,500	76,609,528	5,454,685	16,526,376
1913	357,985,000	795,020	77,779,197	6,620,648	15,192,263
Jany. to June, 1914	131,810,000*	348,680*	42,427,000*	2,882,000*	6,587,000*
1914-15	318,935,000	711,850	84,134,280	6,356,627	15,327,048
1915-16	262,045,000	274,000	59,631,543	5,979,636	13,576,641

*Partly estimated.

No. 39.—Persons employed permanently in Rural Occupations.

Year ended 30th June.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Year ended 30th June.	Males.	Females.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
1905	108,638	19,492	128,130	1911	126,548	24,632	151,180
1906	111,625	19,817	131,442	1912	129,174	25,204	154,378
1907	117,522	21,341	138,863	1913	127,414	24,218	151,632
1908	120,106	20,809	140,915	1914	128,029	25,428	153,457
1909	119,836	22,317	142,153	1915	122,510	23,792	146,302
1910	123,769	22,573	146,342	1916	119,277	24,147	143,424

No. 40.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter† (Finest Quality).		Wool.		Tallow.
			Average Top.	Average Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per cwt. s.	per cwt. s.	per lb. d.	per lb. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
October, 1916	74 3	19 8 0	197	...	17¼	2 7¼	36 9
November, "	78 0	20 16 0	203	...	17¼	2 7¼	45 1
December, "	83 9	21 3 3	208	...	19¼	2 1¼	45 0
January, 1917	82 0	21 4 0	203	...	17½	2 1¼	44 6
February, "	82 0	22 15 0	205	...	19¼	1 11	43 5
March, "	82 0	23 5 6	209½	204½	20	2 2½	45 2
April, "	82 0	25 0 0	191	...	19¼	2 3	46 9
May, "	83 0	27 17 0	192	...	18½	2 3½	47 3
June, "	83 0	28 2 6	185	...	17½	2 1	46 10
July, "	84 0	28 18 6	191½	...	18½	2 2½	47 7
August, "	84 0	28 18 6	204½	...	18½	2 2½	49 11
September, "	77 6	*	\$206	...	+	+	+
October, "	79 0	*	\$206	...	+	+	+

* No quotations.

† Average price for Australian Butter only. No separate quote received for N.S. Wales Butter.

\$ Proclaimed price.

‡ Not available.

No. 41.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat (Milling).‡	Flour (In 150 lb. bags).	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.	Hay (Oaten).
	per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.
October, 1916...	4 10¾	11 2 6	9 6	12 0	2 7½	3 11	4 7 6
November, " ...	4 10¾	11 2 6	9 2	10 2	2 9	3 9½	4 15 0
December, " ...	4 10¾	11 2 6	9 0	10 8	2 8½	3 9½	4 1 3
January, 1917 ...	4 10¾	11 2 6	9 0	12 0	2 9½	3 6½	3 16 9
February, " ...	4 10¾	11 2 6	9 0	12 0	2 9½	3 3	3 18 3
March, " ...	4 10¾	11 2 6	9 0	12 0	2 10½	3 3	3 17 6
April, " ...	4 10¾	11 2 6	9 0	12 0	2 6½	3 0¾	4 2 6
May, " ...	4 10¾	11 1 9	8 8	13 2	2 10	3 3½	5 13 6
June, " ...	4 10¾	11 0 0	3 4	13 2	2 10½	3 5	5 10 0
July, " ...	4 10¾	11 0 0	8 4	13 2	2 10½	3 3¾	4 18 3
August, " ...	4 10¾	11 0 0	9 6	13 2	3 3¼	3 11½	4 17 6
September, " ...	4 10¾	11 0 0	9 6	13 2	3 4½	4 4½	5 1 3
October, " ...	4 10¾	11 0 0	9 6	13 2	3 6½	4 5½	4 5 9

	Potatoes (Local).	Butter (Good Brands)	Cheese (Prime).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.	
	per ton. £ s. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	"Norths and Souths." per doz. s. d.	New Laid. per doz. s. d.
October, 1916...	6 3 3	16	8½	11½	8½	0 9¾	0 11½
November, " ...	7 5 0	16	9½	12	8½	0 9½	0 11½
December, " ...	5 18 3	16	9½	12	8½	0 11	1 2¼
January, 1917 ...	6 0 0	16	9½	12	8½	0 9½	1 0½
February, " ...	5 7 6	16	9½	12	9¼	1 2¼	1 7
March, " ...	4 4 3	16	9½	12	10½	1 3	1 8½
April, " ...	5 16 9	16	9½	11½	10¾	1 5	2 2¼
May, " ...	4 13 6	16½	9½	11½	11½	1 7½	2 4½
June, " ...	5 0 0	17	9½	10½	11½	1 4½	1 9
July, " ...	4 13 3	17	9½	10½	11	1 3	1 5½
August, " ...	6 13 3	17	9½	11½	10½	0 11	1 0½
September, " ...	6 1 9	16½	10½	12	10½	0 10	0 11½
October, " ...	7 18 3	16½	11½	12	10½	0 9½	0 10½

§ Average official f.o.b. price for flour for home consumption. This includes 3½d. handling and commission charges; but city millers, handling grain for their own mills, obtain it for 1½d. per bushel less than the f.o.b. price. On March 25th the f.o.b. price was reduced to 4s. 10½d. per bushel, so that since that date the price for flour for home consumption has been 4s. 9d. per bushel (on trucks), Sydney.

No. 42.—Gold produced, January to October, and Minerals exported January to March.

Gold yield during the ten months, 1916 and 1917.

Month.	1917.		1916.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
January to September	59,820	254,097	67,106	285,051
October	11,090	47,107	7,566	32,138
Total for ten months	70,910	301,204	74,672	317,189

Exports of Minerals during first quarter, 1917 and 1916.

Exports.	First Quarter, 1917.		First Quarter, 1916.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
Silver Ingots and Matte oz.	460,669	71,827	709,957	80,011
Silver-lead, Concentrates, &c. tons.	67,012	769,761	32,118	328,237
Lead, in Matte "	4,191	100,584	7,980	201,929
Zinc Concentrates "	60,268	267,819	30,252	143,788
Copper Ingots, and Ore* "	6,375	772,316	4,710	381,310
Tin Ingots and Ore* "	567	86,170	647	100,554
Coal—				
To Australian Ports "	651,489	453,388	615,600	323,734
" Other "	292,460	215,512	268,853	154,691
Total, Export of Coal "	943,949	668,900	884,453	478,425
Grand Total ... .. £	.....	2,737,377	.....	1,714,254

* Information respecting total value of copper and tin ore imported or transferred to this State is not available.

No. 43.—Quantity and Value of Minerals produced, 1915 and 1916.

Minerals.	1915.		1916.		Increase in Value.	Decrease in Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
		£		£	£	£
Metallic—						
Gold oz. fine	132,498	562,819	108,145	459,370	.....	103,449
Silver "	3,237,432	322,244	2,801,507	349,367	27,123	.....
Silver—Lead, Ore, Concentrates, &c. ton	282,777	2,309,418	249,849	2,935,624	626,206	.....
Lead—Pig, &c. "	30,305	689,439	25,466	799,632	110,193	.....
Zinc Spelter & Concentrates, "	190,916	1,111,569	209,741	961,849	.....	149,720
Tin Ingots and Ore "	2,188	266,780	2,129	306,497	39,717	.....
Copper, Matte, Ingots, and Ore "	6,793	234,437	6,171	586,127	351,690	.....
Antimony and Ore "	637	12,519	616	13,334	815	.....
Bismuth "	18	4,981	30	5,473	492	.....
Wolfram "	50	5,031	183	31,163	26,132	.....
Scheelite "	33	4,004	81	13,719	9,715	.....
Molybdenite "	32	16,937	54	22,066	5,129	.....
Platinum oz.	56	476	82	687	211	.....
Iron ton	76,318	267,000	52,556	197,085	.....	69,915
Iron Oxide "	2,294	3,774	2,461	2,695	.....	1,079
Ironstone Flux ... .. "	.....	.....	1,472	1,083	1,083	.....
Non-metallic—						
Coal ton	9,449,008	3,424,630	8,127,161	3,336,419	.....	88,211
Coke "	417,753	313,241	437,587	387,571	74,330	.....
Kerosene Shale "	15,474	12,890	17,425	17,772	4,882	.....
Alunite "	1,420	5,680	325	1,980	.....	3,700
Limestone Flux "	71,720	15,631	64,928	20,700	5,069	.....
Marble ... .. "	.....	4,187	.....	1,625	.....	2,562
Diamonds carat	839	707	1,901	1,375	668	.....
Opal ... .. "	.....	6,403	.....	21,273	14,870	.....
Sundry Minerals ... .. "	.....	8,433	.....	41,370	32,937	.....
Total ... .. £	.....	9,603,230	.....	10,515,856	1,331,262	418,636
					Net increase.	912,626

NOTE.—The above table does not include lime and Portland cement, valued at £461,339 and £459,886 respectively, in 1915 and 1916. Those items are included in the manufacturing returns.

No. 44.—Value of Minerals Produced, and Total Miners Employed.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper.	Tin.	Coal.	Total Minerals Produced.	Total Miners Employed.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	No.
1906	1,078,866	2,862,973	789,527	255,744	2,337,227	7,912,716	42,546
1907	1,050,730	3,915,946	727,774	293,305	2,922,419	10,295,290	43,758
1908	954,854	2,160,195	502,812	205,447	3,353,093	8,384,149	38,965
1909	869,546	1,653,615	424,737	211,029	2,618,596	7,403,210	36,405
1910	802,211	1,861,479	486,257	228,156	3,009,657	8,455,170	37,413
1911	769,353	2,442,764	590,102	307,089	3,167,165	9,409,519	37,017
1912	702,129	3,481,266	579,791	338,074	3,660,015	11,228,677	37,858
1913	635,703	3,808,125	598,733	421,292	3,770,375	11,651,407	38,880
1914	528,873	3,241,203	274,671	267,130	3,737,761	10,038,020	36,467
1915	562,819	2,631,662	234,437	266,780	3,424,630	9,603,230	31,411
1916	459,370	3,284,991	586,127	306,497	3,336,419	10,515,856	31,304

No. 45.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of the whole year 1901 are adopted as basis, and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index— all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver Lead, Copper, Tin.
1916.			
October ...	1,920	2,056	1,944
November ...	2,016	2,201	2,026
December ...	1,981	2,073	2,098
1917.			
January ...	2,049	2,147	2,019
February ...	2,064	2,196	2,083
March ...	2,061	2,182	2,125
April ...	2,049	2,193	2,128
May ...	2,089	2,200	2,184
June ...	2,078	2,163	2,190
July ...	2,083	2,173	2,193
August ...	2,128	2,204	2,203
September ...	*	*	*
October ...	*	*	*

* Not available.

No. 46.—Manufactories.

Year.	Number of Establish- ments.	Persons Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
		No.	No.	No.	£	£	£
1905	3,700	56,111	16,064	72,175	8,031,948	5,191,350	30,028,150
1906	3,861	59,979	17,843	77,822	8,407,337	5,591,888	34,796,169
1907	4,432	65,953	20,514	86,467	9,155,772	6,650,715	40,018,301
1908	4,453	67,616	21,482	89,098	9,718,842	7,218,556	40,163,826
1909	4,581	69,184	22,518	91,702	10,330,724	7,665,125	42,960,689
1910	4,821	75,384	24,327	99,711	11,578,620	8,687,007	49,615,643
1911	5,039	82,083	26,541	108,624	12,510,600	10,047,662	54,346,011
1912	5,162	88,178	27,383	115,561	13,795,195	11,592,052	61,163,328
1913	5,346	93,036	27,364	120,400	14,861,676	12,683,384	65,672,495
1914-15	5,269	90,409	26,202	116,611	16,866,982	12,667,721	68,253,332
* 1915-16	5,210	87,724	28,677	116,401	18,211,104	† 13,413,845	70,989,864

* See also Table 52.

† Of this amount males received £11,885,028, and females £1,525,817.

No. 47.—Manufacturing Industries, 1915-16.

Class of Industry.	Establishments.	Persons Employed.			Salaries and Wages.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c. ...	264	3,434	94	3,528	392,654
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	40	888	215	1,103	119,678
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	269	5,403	67	5,470	701,306
Working in Wood ...	645	7,317	80	7,397	831,684
Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ...	584	27,531	436	27,967	4,065,413
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	767	10,513	3,896	14,409	1,618,761
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	982	7,237	19,203	26,440	1,932,134
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	458	6,844	2,524	9,368	1,105,061
Musical Instruments, &c. ...	14	337	44	381	51,297
Arms and Explosives ...	8	1,238	5	1,243	239,457
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	404	3,941	108	4,049	449,609
Ship and Boat Building ...	30	3,219	4	3,223	520,174
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	246	2,996	468	3,464	385,808
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	94	1,015	676	1,691	170,526
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments...	14	88	27	115	13,410
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	56	601	87	688	89,846
Heat, Light, and Power ...	228	3,701	27	3,728	529,133
Leatherware, n.e.i. ...	26	413	169	582	56,800
Minor Wares, n.e.i. ...	81	1,008	547	1,555	141,094
Total ...	5,210	87,724	28,677	116,401	13,413,845†
	Value of Machinery, Implements, and Plant.	Value of Materials used.	Value of Fuel Consumed.	Value of Goods Manufactured or work done.	Value of Production, being value added to Raw Materials.
	£	£	£	£	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c. ...	397,382	†5,105,713	48,105	6,083,338	929,520
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	345,704	1,002,745	26,221	1,409,467	380,501
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	1,098,225	418,683	209,186	1,862,081	1,234,212
Working in Wood ...	802,365	2,082,415	24,022	3,264,952	1,158,515
Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ...	4,956,818	9,854,145	536,884	17,518,290	7,127,261
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	3,604,699	17,172,757	209,142	21,730,548	4,348,649
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	626,144	3,900,080	47,613	7,127,092	3,179,399
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	1,277,002	1,193,036	43,009	3,019,964	1,783,919
Musical Instruments, &c. ...	13,866	69,255	250	148,075	78,570
Arms and Explosives ...	100,551	58,229	4,932	356,529	293,368
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	149,952	445,449	15,284	1,129,517	668,784
Ship and Boat Building ...	398,881	190,744	16,782	797,608	590,082
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	75,510	555,423	8,868	1,108,604	544,313
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	238,743	912,674	16,592	1,484,730	555,464
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments...	5,099	7,023	331	30,458	23,104
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	30,175	103,274	1,800	242,923	137,849
Heat, Light, and Power ...	3,962,633	639,493	312,961	2,814,328	1,861,874
Leatherware, n.e.i. ...	14,718	174,462	1,047	281,288	105,779
Minor Wares, n.e.i. ...	112,637	341,479	5,191	580,072	233,402
Total ...	£ 18,211,104	44,227,079	1,528,220	70,989,864	25,234,565*

* If £307,527, the value of production of articles already included in primary industries, be deducted, the total value of the production from the manufacturing industries is £24,927,038. † Including value of wool treated. ‡ Of this amount males received £11,888,028, and females £1,525,817.

No. 48.—Manufactories—Value of Production, 1901-1916.

Class of Industry.	1901. (Census Year)	1911.	1913.	1914-15.	1915-16.
	£	£	£	£	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	337,739	649,759	769,225	747,916	929,520
Oils and Fats, &c.	160,718	266,094	237,368	293,626	380,501
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	422,272	1,083,972	1,322,277	1,324,104	1,234,212
Working in Wood	649,149	1,168,333	1,424,728	1,298,120	1,158,515
Metal Works, Machinery, &c.	2,443,432	4,864,882	6,344,674	6,158,527	7,127,261
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	2,237,369	3,463,455	4,049,533	4,712,822	4,041,122
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Material	1,091,244	2,517,160	2,794,473	2,811,056	3,179,399
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	950,771	1,440,173	1,784,055	1,542,454	1,783,919
Musical Instruments, &c.	22,309	76,596	89,115	75,316	78,570
Arms and Explosives	1,480	2,531	51,406	108,322	293,368
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	266,016	607,307	697,406	633,981	668,784
Ship and Boat Building	148,800	370,490	562,117	768,398	590,082
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	220,434	516,082	614,105	558,196	544,313
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	74,006	400,454	461,909	488,592	555,464
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments ..	17,304	19,172	18,914	18,576	23,104
Jewellery, Time-pieces, and Plated-ware ...	24,698	125,261	142,749	130,652	137,849
Heat, Light, and Power	624,567	1,373,532	1,868,391	2,058,987	1,861,874
Leatherware, n.e.i.	12,243	67,373	89,030	98,238	105,779
Minor Wares, n.e.i.	37,047	129,837	160,895	183,123	233,402
Total	£ 9,741,598	19,142,463	23,482,370	24,011,006	24,927,038

NOTE.—The value of production from factories dealing with milk products is omitted, as it has already been included in the returns of the Dairying Industry.

No. 49.—Value of Production—Principal Industries—1891-1915-16.

The following figures represent the estimated Value of Production from the various Industries at the place of production. The figures are not exact, but are considered the best approximations from the data available.

(In thousands, 000 omitted.)

Year.	Pastoral.	Agricultural.	Mining.	Dairying.	Minor—Poultry, Bees, Rabbits.	Forests and Fisheries.	Total Primary Industries.	Manufacturing (Value added to raw materials).	Total All Industries.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1891	14,725	3,615	6,434	2,735	*	758	28,267	7,799	36,066
1896	11,774	5,374	4,405	2,546	*	715	24,874	7,302	32,176
1897	11,823	6,250	4,616	2,653	*	750	26,092	8,079	34,171
1898	13,219	4,875	4,756	2,758	*	800	26,408	8,425	34,833
1899	14,527	5,609	5,960	2,543	*	639	29,278	9,207	38,485
1900	13,707	5,856	6,362	3,617	*	796	30,338	9,656	39,994
1901	12,552	7,060	5,681	3,046	*	733	29,972	9,742	38,814
1902	10,731	4,139	5,102	3,403	*	695	24,070	10,000	34,070
1903	12,777	8,359	5,958	3,276	*	779	31,149	9,601	40,750
1904	13,373	5,414	6,243	2,753	799	900	29,482	9,899	39,381
1905	17,113	6,543	6,897	3,123	1,228	1,190	36,094	10,631	46,725
1906	19,743	7,518	7,913	3,425	1,693	1,536	41,828	11,906	53,734
1907	22,281	6,588	10,295	3,567	1,708	1,382	45,821	13,481	59,302
1908	18,846	8,319	8,384	4,064	1,732	1,165	42,510	13,633	56,143
1909	19,040	10,908	7,403	3,983	1,990	1,096	44,420	14,536	58,956
1910	21,028	9,493	8,455	4,796	2,119	1,108	46,999	16,794	63,793
1911	19,434	9,749	9,410	5,215	2,055	1,195	47,058	19,143	66,201
1912	19,440	11,817	11,229	5,758	2,089	1,303	51,636	22,464	74,100
1913	20,738	12,378	11,651	5,455	2,416	1,400	54,038	23,482	77,520
1914-15	18,848	10,031	9,603	6,231	2,301	1,307	48,321	24,011	72,332
1915-16	21,576	20,362	10,516	5,473	3,215	1,370	62,512	24,927	87,439

* Prior to 1904 included with the Dairying Industry.

No. 50.—Education.

Year.		Public Schools.				Private Schools.		
		No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Expenditure by State on Education.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.
					£			
1906	...	2,885	5,758	207,298	881,581	852	3,557	58,707
1907	...	2,918	5,918	209,229	922,295	806	3,524	57,440
1908	...	3,002	6,012	214,495	1,085,020	792	3,501	57,111
1909	...	3,075	6,176	213,739	1,109,939	789	3,633	58,361
1910	...	3,105	6,262	214,776	1,191,713	774	3,602	59,247
1911	...	3,125	6,517	221,810	1,242,576	756	3,659	60,963
1912	...	3,234	7,048	228,529	1,589,986	754	3,673	61,744
1913	...	3,285	7,261	241,784	1,686,155	733	3,593	64,591
1914	...	3,258	7,404	252,697	1,721,441	717	3,674	64,577
1915	...	3,254	7,890	258,017	1,686,882	718	3,682	64,863
1916	...	3,188	7,830	264,713	1,860,518	701	3,678	67,704

No. 51.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters and Letter Cards carried.	Post Cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, Books, and Parcels carried.	Miles of Telegraph and Telephone Line.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1905 ...	2,266	103,576,306	8,382,282	44,599,104	23,077,094	14,827	3,837,962
1906 ...	2,288	115,062,748	12,621,096	47,144,094	25,201,131	15,417	4,452,506
1907 ...	2,319	122,130,948	15,097,710	48,340,646	37,191,554	15,910	4,894,283
1908 ...	2,368	134,684,520	14,969,312	50,461,252	38,330,311	16,338	5,149,763
1909 ...	2,397	139,058,694	12,511,546	56,002,764	38,849,363	17,087	5,177,962
1910 ...	2,437	151,315,512	12,438,544	66,963,559	40,609,036	17,615	5,607,178
1911 ...	2,490	*189,656,401		71,619,194	38,032,322	18,253	5,863,560
1912 ...	2,559	*192,996,376		68,696,648	34,755,556	18,268	6,364,990
1913 ...	2,596	*212,639,659		64,874,811	40,902,342	19,254	6,573,667
1914 ...	2,623	*217,907,644		66,216,699	36,576,538	20,828	6,703,019
1915-16 ...	2,640	*219,525,661		72,067,335	35,881,119	†	7,027,084

* Includes all articles registered.

† Not available.

No. 52.—Prices of Food—Sydney.

Article	Unit.	Average Retail Price in Sydney.									
		1917.								1916.	1915.
		May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.		
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
Bread	2-lb. loaf.	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 5	
Flour	25-lb. bag.	3 3'7	3 3'7	3 3'7	3 4	3 4	3 4	3 3'7	5 2		
„ self-raising ...	2 lb.	0 5'9	0 5'9	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 5'9	0 8		
Tea	lb.	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6'2	1 6		
Coffee and Chicory ...	„	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 5'7		
Cocoa	½ lb.	0 5'2	0 5'7	0 5'6	0 5'6	0 5'6	0 5'6	0 4'6	0 4'4		
Sugar (small quantities)	lb.	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3'5	0 3		
Rice	„	0 3'2	0 3'2	0 3'4	0 3'4	0 3'4	0 3'4	0 3'2	0 3		
Sago	„	0 3'7	0 3'7	0 3'7	0 3'9	0 4'4	0 4'2	0 3'4	0 2'7		
Jam (Australian) ...	„	0 5'7	0 5'9	0 5'7	0 5'7	0 5'6	0 5'6	0 5'8	0 5'5		
Oatmeal	5 lb. bag.	1 1'4	1 1'7	1 1'4	1 1'4	1 1'4	1 1'4	1 1'4	1 5'5		
Raisins	lb.	0 7'7	0 7'7	0 7'7	0 7'7	0 7'7	0 7'7	0 7'9	0 6'6		
Currants	„	0 8'5	0 8'2	0 8'4	0 8'2	0 8'2	0 8'2	0 9	0 8'2		
Starch	„	0 6'8	0 7'1	0 7'1	0 7'1	0 6'7	0 7	0 7	0 5'2		
Blue	doz. sqs.	0 9'4	0 9'6	0 9'6	0 9'6	0 9'6	0 9'6	0 9'2	0 9'2		
Candles	lb.	0 9	0 8'7	0 9	0 9'4	0 9'5	0 9'6	0 8'2	0 7		
Soap	„	0 4'1	0 4'4	0 4'4	0 4'1	0 4'1	0 4'1	0 3'5	0 3		
Potatoes	14 lb.	1 1'5	1 2	1 3	1 5	1 5'5	1 6	1 4	1 9'7		
Onions... ..	lb.	0 1'5	0 1'5	0 1'5	0 2	0 2'2	0 3'3	0 1'2	0 1'5		
Kerosene	gallon.	1 9'9	1 10'8	1 10'4	1 10'9	2 0'1	2 0'2	1 8'1	1 1'7		
Milk	quart.	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 5'5		
Butter... ..	lb.	1 6'4	1 7'5	1 7'5	1 7'7	1 7'2	1 6'9	1 6	1 5'5		
Cheese (new & matured)	„	1 0	1 0'6	1 1'4	1 1'6	1 1'7	1 2	0 10'6	1 2		
Eggs, new laid ...	doz.	2 9'7	2 1'3	1 9'4	1 3'3	1 1'5	1 1'7	1 3	1 4'7		
„ fresh	„	2 7	1 10	1 6'2	1 0'3	0 11'1	0 10'7	1 0'5	1 3'7		
Bacon (middle cut) ...	lb.	1 4'7	1 4'1	1 2'7	1 3'6	1 4'2	1 4'2	1 3'7	1 5'5		
„ (shoulder) ...	„	1 0'2	1 0	0 10'5	0 10'7	0 10'8	0 11	0 11'6	1 0'6		
Ham	„	1 5'6	1 5'3	1 4'5	1 4'9	1 5'2	1 5	1 4'7	1 5'9		
Beef, fresh—Sirloin ...	„	0 10'7	0 10'2	0 10'5	0 11'7	1 0'1	1 0	0 10'7	1 0'5		
„ Ribs	„	0 9'2	0 8'3	0 8'5	0 9'9	0 10'9	0 10'5	0 9'5	0 10'2		
„ Gravy	„	0 7'5	0 6'7	0 7	0 8	0 9'6	0 9'2	0 7'5	0 8'1		
Steak—Rump ...	„	1 1'7	1 2	1 2'5	1 3'4	1 4	1 4	1 1'3	1 1'7		
„ Shoulder ...	„	0 8'5	0 8'6	0 9	0 9'6	0 9'7	0 9'6	0 8'5	0 8'7		
Beef (corned round) ...	„	0 9'2	0 9'3	0 9'7	0 10'5	0 9'8	0 9'4	0 9'2	0 9'1		
Mutton—Leg ...	„	0 7'5	0 7'6	0 7'7	0 8'7	0 9'2	0 9'1	0 7'9	0 6'7		
„ Shoulder ...	„	0 6'5	0 6'3	0 6'5	0 7'7	0 8	0 7'7	0 6'7	0 5'7		
„ Loin	„	0 8'2	0 8'3	0 8'5	0 9'7	0 10'4	0 10'1	0 8'5	0 7'4		
„ Neck	„	0 7'2	0 7'1	0 7	0 7'9	0 9'1	0 9'1	0 7'1	0 6'5		
Chops—Loin ...	„	0 9'2	0 9'1	0 9'2	0 10'3	0 11	0 10'7	0 9'2	0 7'9		
„ Leg	„	0 8'5	0 8'6	0 8'7	0 10'8	0 11	0 10'7	0 8'7	0 7'9		
„ Neck	„	0 7'2	0 7'1	0 7'2	0 8'3	0 9'2	0 8'9	0 7'5	0 6'7		
Lamb—Forequarter ...	„	0 8	0 8'1	0 8	0 9	0 10	0 9'5	0 7'7	0 6'5		
„ Hindquarter ...	„	0 9'5	0 9'1	0 9	0 10	0 11	0 11	0 9	0 7'4		
Pork, fresh—Leg ...	„	0 11'5	1 0'3	1 0	1 1'5	1 1'7	1 2'2	1 0	1 0		
„ Chops	„	1 3'2	1 2'2	1 2'5	1 4'1	1 4'9	1 5	1 0	1 0		

NOTE.—The above averages are based on city prices; the suburban rates are higher. Prices of Groceries represent the predominant rates ruling about the 15th of each month.

No. 53.—Current Rates of Wages.

NOTE.—The rates of wages shown below, with few exceptions, have been fixed by Wages Boards.

- Bakers (bread)—68/- to 90/- per week; (apprentices), 10/- to 40/- per week; (biscuit factories), 62/6 to 67/6 per week.
- Blacksmiths, 52/6 to 80/- per week.
- Boilermakers—1/4½ to 1/6 per hour, 1d. per hour additional, dirt money.
- Bookbinders, 62/6 to 70/- per week.
- Boot & Shoe makers—Male, 1/4½ per hr.; females, 31/- to 38/6 per week.
- Brass Finishers, 1/3 to 1/7 per hour.
- Brassmoulders, 1/3 and 1/4½ per hour.
- Bread-carters (42 to 54 hours per week), min. 57/- to 75/-
- Brewery and Aerated Water Factory Hands, adult males, 41/- to 62/- per week; adult females, 20/- per week.
- Bricklayers, 1/8 to 2/- per hour.
- Brick-carters, 1 horse, 55/6 per week; 2 horses, 60/- per week; 3 horses, 67/6; 4 horses, 75/-; 4/- per week extra for each additional horse.
- Brickmakers—
- Burners, 11/3 to 17/3 per shift; machine men, 1/4½ to 15½ per hr; pitmen, 1/5 to 1/6½ per hr.
- Brushmakers, 1/5 to 1/7 per hour, or 66/- to 70/- per week, or piece-work rates.
- Butchers (city), without board, 60/- to 72/6 (country), 55/- to 70/-
- Slaughtermen—Mutton 19/9 to 33/- per hundred; Beef, £5; Pork, £5 per week.
- Carpenters and Joiners, 1/8 to 1/9½ per hour; bridge work, 1/8, 1/9½, and 1/11 per hour.
- Carters. (See "Trolly and Draymen.")
- Cabinetmakers, min. 67/-.
- Chairmakers, min. 67/-.
- Cigarmakers, 2/6 to 7/6 per 100, acc'dg to shape.
- Clerks—Males, 63/-; females, 35/- per week.
- Junior (15 to 23 years)—Males, 12/6 to 63/-; females, 12/6 to 35/- per week.
- Coach-painters, 1/4½ per hour.
- Coachsmiths, 1/4½ per hour.
- Coal-lumpers, 1/7½ per hour, day work; 2/3 per hour, night work.
- Coke-lumpers, 1/7½; night work, 2/3 per hour.
- Compositors (hand)—Journeyman, 73/6 per week.
- " " Piecework, 12½ to 1/3½ per 1,000 ens.
- Compositors (machine)—Linotype (newspapers), (piece rate) 3½d., (jobbing), 3½d. per 1,000 ens.
- " " Operators, 1/8 to 1/9 per hour.
- Coopers (piecework, log rates), 1/4½ to 1/6½ per hr.
- Coppersmiths, 1/6 to 1/8 per hour.
- Dockers and Painters, 1/3 to 1/8 per hour; over time, time and half.
- Drapers. (See "Shop Assistants.")
- Electricians—Mechanics, 1/3½ to 1/8½ per hour.
- Fitters, 1/8½ per hour.
- Engine-drivers (staty., &c.), 1/0½ to 1/9½ per hour.
- Firemen " 1/0½, 1/2½, and 1/3 to 1/7 per hour.
- Farriers—Firemen, 1/5½ to 1/7 per hour.
- " Floormen, 1/4½ to 1/5½ "
- French-polishers, 67/- per week.
- Glass-workers, 1/3½ to 1/7 per hour.
- Galvanised Iron-workers, 1/2 per hour.
- Grocers. (See "Shop Assistants.")
- Hairdressers (52 hours per week), 58/- to 68/-
- Hotel, Club, Restaurant, & Tea Room Employees—
- Cooks (male), 44/3 to 100/- per week.
- Cooks (female), 20/- to 3-fifths rate for males, per week.
- Waiters, 27/6 to 51/6 per week.
- Waitresses, 7/6 to 24/- per week.
- Barmen, 41/6 per week.
- Barmaids, 29/- per week.
- Storemen, 42/6 to 50/- per week.
- Kitchenmen, 41/6 to 45/- per week.
- Ironmongers. (See "Shop Assistants.")
- Ironworkers, 1/1½ to 1/6½ per hour.
- Jam Factory Workers—
- Males, adults, 54/- to 70/-; boys, 20/- to 36/- per week, or piece-work rates.
- Females, adults, 23/-; girls, 17/-; female fillers, 25/- and 33/- per week.
- Labourers—General, 1/-, 1/1½, 1/3 to 1/9 per hour.
- Letter-press Machinists, min. 55/- to 65/- per wk.
- Lithographers, min. 62/6 and 75/- per week.
- Malt-house Hands, 48/- to 60/- per week.
- Marble-workers, 1/5½ to 1/7½ per hour.
- Masons and Stone-cutters, 1/7½ to 1/9½ per hour.
- Millers (Bread), 63/- to 83/6 per week; (Engineers), 10/- to 11/6 per day.
- Navvies, 8/- to 9/6 per day.
- Painters (General), 1/6½ per hour.
- Patternmakers, 1/6½ to 1/8 per hour.
- Plasterers, 1/9 to 1/10 per hour.
- Plumbers, Journeyman, 1/8 to 2/- per hour.
- Quarrymen, 1/8 per hour.
- Saw-mill Employees—Machinists, 61/6 to 75/-; Saw Sharpeners, 60/6 to 74/-; Sawyers, 60/6 to 72/- per week.
- Shop Assistants (Metropolitan and Newcastle)
- Males, 7/6 to 62/6; Females, 5/- to 36/- per wk.
- Shop Assistants (Metropolitan Drapers, &c.), adults—Males, 54/- to 62/6 per week.
- Females, 25/- to 36/- per week.
- Slaters and Tilers, 1/7½ to 1/9 per hour.
- Stevedores—Foremen, £4 and £5 per week.
- Storemen, per week—Wharf, 61/6: Wool, 62/- to 70/6; Bonded Store, 60/-; Produce (Retail other than Grocery) Storemen, 54/- to 65/-; Packer, 54/- to 61/-; Grocery, 50/-; Hardware, 58/6 to 90/-; Packer, 60/-; Softgoods (Wholesale) Storemen, 58/6 to 88/6; Packer, 55/- to 90/-; Wine and Spirit Storemen, 56/6 to 68/6.
- Tailors—Journeyman, 60/- to 67/6 per week, or log rates.
- " Cutters & Trimmers, 57/6 to 85/- per wk.
- " Pressers, 54/- to 65/- per week.
- " Piecework—log rates.
- Tailoresses (coat hands), order, 30/- to 38/- per wk.
- " (trousers hands), order, 25/- to 34/- p. wk.
- " Ready-made clothing for men—
- Journeywomen on coats, 32/6 p. wk.
- Journeywomen on trousers and vests, 28/- per week.
- " Piece-work—log rates.
- Textile Workers—Males, 52/6; fem., 26/- per wk.
- Tinsmiths, 1/0½ to 1/4½ per hour.
- Trolly and Draymen—Coal Carters—1 horse, 52/- to 59/- per week; 2 horses, 55/- to 64/- per week; 3/- per week for each extra horse.
- Timber-carters, 1 horse, 54/-; 2 horses, 59/-; and 3/- per week for each extra horse.
- Tip-carters, 1 horse, 50/- to 60/-; 2 horses, 55/- to 65/-; 6d. per day extra for each additional horse.
- Typewriters (females), 10/- to 30/- per week.
- Upholsterers, 67/- to 73/- per week.
- Wharf Labourers—Deep sea, 1/9 per hour.
- Interstate and Coastal, 1/9 per hour.
- Wheelwrights, 1/3 per hour.

No. 53.—Current Rates of Wages—*continued*.*Coal Miners.*

The employees in the Coal-mines in New South Wales work under Agreements or Awards. The rate paid to miners varies according to the selling price of coal per ton ruling at the time, and also according to the conditions of the seams or places where the coal is mined.

Coal-mines, Northern District—

Miners, $3/5\frac{2}{3}$ to $5/2\frac{1}{10}$ per ton.
 „ coal-cutting machines, 13/2 to 15/6 per day
 „ „ 10/11 per day.
 Deputies, 16/- to 16/6 per day.
 Shot-firers, 14/11 to 15/6 per day.
 Waste-examiners, 14/11 to 15/6 per day.
 Engine-drivers—
 Winding and loco. engines, 14/5 per day.
 Other engines, 12/- to 14/5 per day.
 Shiftmen, 10/11 to 15/6 per day.
 Wheelers, 10/6 to 11/8 per day.
 Flatters, 10/11 per day.
 Water-bailers, 10/11 per day.
 Hand-pumpers, 10/11 per day.
 Set riders, 13/2 per day.
 Rolleyway men, 10/11 to 13/2 per day.
 Roadlayers, 11/4 to 13/2 per day.
 Waggon packers, 10/11 per day.
 Banksmen, 12/7 per day.
 Shunters, 10/11 per day.
 Screenmen, 10/11 per day.
 Labourers, 10/11 to 11/5 per day.
 Boys and Youths, 4/4 to 10/4 per day.

Coal-mines, Southern District—

Miners, $2/9\frac{3}{8}$ per ton.
 Overmen (underground), £5 to £6 10s. per week.
 Deputy Overmen, £4 17s. 6d. per week.
 Shotfirers, 15s. per day.
 Shiftmen, 14/1 per day.
 Onsetters, 12/6 per day.
 Banksmen, 12/2½ per day.
 Screenmen, 10/11 per day.
 Mechanics, 12/7½ to 15/4 per day.
 Engineers, 12/6 to 16/8 per day.
 Engine-drivers—Winding, 14/5 per day.
 „ Haulage, 13/2 per day.
 Stokers and firemen, 10/11 to 12/- per day.
 Locomotive engine-drivers, 14/5 per day.
 „ „ stokers, 12/- per day.
 Platelayers, 10/11 per day.
 Furnaceman, 10/11 per day.
 Harness-makers, 11/6 per day.
 Wheelers, 12/- per day.
 Water-bailers, 12/- per day.
 Stablemen, 10/11 per day.
 Labourers, 10/11 per day.
 Flatters, 12/- per day.
 Trappers, 4/4 per day.
 Boys, 5/4 per day.

Interstate and Intercolonial Steamers (per month).

Officers, chief, £14 to £20; 2nd, £13 to £17; 3rd, £12/10/- to £13. Firemen, £10 to £11/10/- Trimmers, £8 to £9/5/-	Engineers, chief, £18 to £39/2/-; 2nd, £17/10/- to £25/6/-; 3rd, £15/10/- to £20/14/- Able Seamen, £8 to £9/5/- „ „ (sailing ships), £5 to £6.
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State (New South Wales) Steamers (per month).

Officers, Chief, £13 to £18; 2nd, £11 to £15. Engineers, £16/2/- to £39/2/- per month. Firemen, £7 to £10/10/- Donkeymen, £10 to £11.	Able Seamen and Trimmers, £7 to £9/14/- „ „ „ (sailing ship), £5 to £6.
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Farm and Station Hands (with rations and lodging), per week or per year.

Boundary Riders, 20/- to 25/- Bullock Drivers, 25/- to 35/- Bush Carpenters, 30/- to 35/- Cooks (station), 25/- to 35/- Country Blacksmiths— Station, 35/- General (without rations), 50/- to 60/- Milkers, 20/- to 30/- Farm Labourers, 25/- to 30/- Harvest Hands, accdg. to experience, 7/- to 12/- per day.	Horse-team Drivers, 25/- to 30/- Married Couples— When wife cooks, £10/4 to £11/0. Rouseabouts, 20/- to 30/- Orchard Hands, 20/- to 30/- Shearers (per 100 sheep), no rations, 24/- Stockmen, £52 to £65. Useful Boys, 15/- to 20/- (age 15 to 18). Vignerons, £52 to £55.
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Domestic Servants (with board and lodging), per week.

Cooks (Females)— Station, 20/- to 25/- Private house, 20/- to 25/- Boarding-house, 25/- to 35/- Cook and Laundress, 20/- to 25/- House and Parlour Maid, 15/- to 23/-	General Servants (aged 18 years and upwards), 12/6 to 28/6 Nursemaids (aged 15 to 20 years), 10/- to 15/- Useful Girls (aged 15 to 18 years), 8/- to 12/6. Gardeners, 25/- to 30/- Grooms and Coachmen, 20/- to 30/-
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No. 54.—Meteorology.

District.	October, 1917.					October — (Mean, 1907–1916).			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.							
North Coast—	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.
Grafton	68·8	80·6	57·0	2·39	5	68·5	2·31	7	67·5	34·18
Hunter and Manning—										
Singleton... ..	...	...	...	1·94	8	64·5	1·75	5	64·1	29·19
Cumberland—										
Sydney	63·4	70·4	56·3	4·41	16	63·3	3·01	12	63·0	48·01
South Coast—										
Bega	59·7	73·4	46·0	1·34	9	62·5	2·36	6	60·5	32·65
Northern Tableland—										
Armidale	56·1	69·7	42·5	3·36	7	57·2	2·28	7	56·3	31·82
Central Tableland—										
Bathurst... ..	57·2	71·2	43·1	4·04	11	57·5	2·07	7	57·2	23·52
Southern Tableland—										
Goulburn	56·4	68·3	44·5	3·11	11	57·2	1·72	8	56·1	24·79
North-western Slope—										
Gunnedah	62·7	76·4	48·9	2·46	7	66·5	1·78	6	65·4	24·34
Central-western Slope—										
Dubbo	60·7	74·1	47·3	2·51	9	64·2	1·10	5	63·5	22·21
South-western Slope—										
Wagga	56·6	69·9	43·2	4·33	11	60·9	1·66	6	62·1	21·04
North-western Plain—										
Moree	68·5	82·6	54·4	1·46	5	69·5	1·72	5	67·3	23·15
Central-western Plain—										
Coonamble ... ..	...	...	...	0·78	3	68·1	1·49	4	65·9	19·49
Riverina—										
Deniliquin	59·5	69·3	49·7	3·44	10	60·9	·84	6	61·7	16·02

No. 55.—New Buildings erected in Metropolis—Annual.

Year.	Returns of Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.		Municipal Returns.			
	Buildings erected and assessed.	Cost of Buildings, including additions to old Buildings.	Buildings for which permission to build was granted.	Estimated Cost of New Buildings.	Estimated Cost of Alter- ations and Additions.	Total Cost, Buildings, and Alterations, and Additions.
		£		£	£	£
1910	4,419	2,439,000	...	...	...	...
1911	6,006	3,604,000	...	...	...	...
1912	7,773	5,069,000	8,339	4,988,000	636,000	5,624,000
1913	7,853	5,917,000	9,342	6,512,000	815,000	7,327,000
1914	8,831	6,162,000	8,548	5,236,000	586,000	5,822,000
1915	6,141	4,664,000	6,066	3,850,000	548,000	4,398,000
1916	5,043	4,037,000	5,051	3,395,000	519,000	3,914,000
1917 (first half)...	2,127	1,647,000	2,673	1,700,000	158,000	1,857,000

No. 56.—New Buildings—Metropolis—Monthly.

Month.	1917.			1916.		
	City.	Suburbs.		City.	Suburbs.	
		No.	Value.		No.	Value.
			£			£
January	3	366	195,596	12	439	232,990
February	13	398	212,773	8	448	231,566
March	12	520	297,607	11	489	233,142
April	4	427	269,157	8	426	213,335
May	11	444	316,103	11	511	304,887
June	8	467	295,682	8	402	220,808
July	9	490	303,557	6	508	297,261
August	5	346	245,066	6	510	305,343
September	4	302	183,639	8	378	231,807
October	5	375	231,376	3	293	158,173
Total (10 months) ...	74	4,135	2,550,556	81	4,404	2,429,312

No. 57.—New Buildings—Metropolis—each Municipality.

NUMBER and Value of New Buildings and of Alterations and Additions in each Municipality during the ten months January to October.

Municipality.	Estimated Population 31st December, 1916.	New Buildings (to erect which permission granted).				Alterations and Additions.			
		1917.		1916.		1917.		1916.	
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
City of Sydney ...	106,000	74	£ x	81	£ x	382	£ x	396	£ x
Alexandria ...	11,410	17	15,725	25	13,995	49	3,335	30	967
Annandale ...	12,400	12	5,620	20	8,546	10	305	14	1,970
Ashfield ...	27,680	234	154,233	190	130,869	124	5,856	86	4,790
Balmain ...	33,250	24	17,990	37	30,520	61	2,589	76	5,329
Bexley ...	10,660	137	65,790	145	60,309	36	1,650	64	3,419
Botany ...	5,670	26	11,340	39	23,642	52	4,992	28	4,007
Burwood ...	12,640	101	71,540	151	89,870	65	3,577	68	10,128
Canterbury ...	25,470	399	176,679	503	196,981	159	9,408	199	10,255
Concord ...	6,480	113	70,502	104	75,200	106	5,135	79	10,735
Darlington ...	3,840	Nil.	...	Nil.	...	4	90	Nil.	...
Drummoyne ...	13,580	139	82,079	119	71,773	28	1,574	67	5,048
Eastwood ...	1,420	16	6,640	17	8,790	1	130	1	65
Enfield ...	5,700	89	39,431	82	36,912	46	1,084	30	1,011
Erskineville ...	7,660	3	1,350	2	1,500	9	455	15	3,025
Glebe ...	22,690	22	11,350	7	1,515	21	1,825	31	4,688
Homebush ...	1,040	39	19,135	3	1,080	10	500	2	80
Hunter's Hill ...	5,780	28	18,602	69	37,430	19	2,067	26	2,253
Hurstville ...	10,540	119	52,929	130	40,634	71	3,399	63	6,016
Kogarah ...	12,550	176	71,119	180	72,063	74	4,274	81	3,516
Lane Cove ...	4,950	64	37,616	72	34,611	38	3,042	24	2,795
Leichhardt ...	27,760	81	33,800	70	32,920	82	3,927	81	5,052
Manly ...	13,930	79	74,140	69	48,625	Nil.	...	Nil.	...
Marrickville ...	37,370	103	59,890	192	91,905	69	6,244	70	4,264
Mascot ...	8,680	33	14,925	43	14,840	69	2,904	55	3,325
Mosman ...	16,990	94	80,650	117	82,755	37	4,305	29	3,390
Newtown ...	27,820	13	7,790	31	34,146	42	5,606	37	12,456
North Sydney ...	40,930	120	119,372	135	122,450	143	22,519	64	11,807
Paddington ...	25,870	11	12,653	9	11,520	20	2,300	29	2,783
Petersham ...	23,830	42	28,015	51	26,870	47	3,934	61	4,825
Randwick ...	32,910	482	322,791	479	277,574	131	18,948	136	15,569
Redfern ...	25,010	4	1,500	3	1,800	29	4,185	12	1,315
Rockdale ...	19,900	183	86,453	215	90,275	108	2,615	110	2,646
Ryde ...	9,340	153	75,330	148	65,213	37	2,150	37	1,645
St. Peters ...	10,640	32	14,525	38	14,070	22	1,022	38	1,357
Strathfield ...	5,570	53	30,830	55	40,690	51	5,222	38	1,198
Vaucluse ...	2,510	28	27,161	48	46,488	27	2,713	19	1,661
Waterloo ...	11,190	14	73,195	13	14,106	24	2,881	26	3,308
Waverley ...	27,480	284	145,722	282	151,579	62	8,932	62	6,997
Willoughby ...	20,840	238	138,790	215	109,015	57	3,735	91	3,790
Woollahra ...	20,280	146	134,399	118	115,331	112	22,802	81	16,865
Ku-ring-gai Shire ...	14,340	184	138,955	178	100,900	145	9,090	120	3,840
Total Suburbs ...	658,600	4,135	2,550,556	4,404	2,429,312	2,297	191,321	2,180	188,190
Total City of Sydney	106,000	74	x	81	x	382	x	396	x
Grand Total ...	764,600	4,209	x	4,485	x	2,679	x	2,576	x

x Indicates that the information is not available.

During the month of October, 1917, the number of new buildings erected was 380, viz., 5 in the City and 375 in the Suburbs. The largest numbers were:—Randwick, 57; Canterbury, 39; Willoughby, 25; Rockdale, 21; and Kuring-gai Shire, 20.

No. 58.—Crown Lands Selections, 1917.

The following statements show—(first) the Land Selected, and (second) the Area made available for Residential Settlement during the month of October, 1917, and during the period from 1st January to 31st October, 1917 :—

LANDS SELECTED UNDER THE "CROWN LANDS ACT."

Description of Holding.	During October, 1917.		1st Jan. to 31st Oct., 1917.	
	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
Original Conditional Purchases	5	309	68	6,235
Conditional Leases applied for simultaneously with and in virtue of these O.C. Purchases	(1)	225	(25)	6,898
Crown Leases—ordinary	25	22,923	232	217,860
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	37	99,021
Homestead Farms—ordinary	9	8,116	71	48,913
" " for returned soldiers	6	4,406	74	45,844
Suburban Holdings—ordinary	16	207	214	3,128
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	...	...
Settlement Purchases (Closer Settlement Acts)	...	...	11	8,512
Irrigation Farms	2	245	20	858
Town Blocks (without residence) within an Irrigation Area	7	2	16	5
Week-end Leases	1	6	37	66
Leases of Town Lands ... ..	...	...	41	21
Special Holdings for returned soldiers	13	837	81	2,433
Homestead Selections ... ..	...	...	2	418
Total	84	37,276	904	440,212

ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.

Additional Cond'n'l Purchases (Crown Lands)	6	455	68	9,920
Conditional Leases not applied for simultaneously with O.C. Purchases	5	585	61	15,530
Additional Homestead Selections	1	348	5	2,234
" Settlement Leases ... ..	...	...	2	4,140
" Crown Leases	7	2,168	61	37,873
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	2	190
" Homestead Farms	2	898	33	10,289
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	4	1,776
Total	21	4,454	236	81,958

AREAS SPECIALLY SET APART FOR RESIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT.

Description of Holding.	During October, 1917.		1st Jan. to 31st Oct., 1917.	
	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
Crown Leases—ordinary	17	31,539	460	526,104
" " for returned soldiers	1	400	37	70,768
Homestead Farms—ordinary	3	4,294	53	44,052
" " for returned soldiers	6	5,612	46	36,465
Suburban Holdings—ordinary	12	507	292	3,729
" " for returned soldiers ... ..	...	...	...	...
Special Holdings for returned soldiers	34	565	502	13,932
Settlement Purchases (Closer Settlement Acts)	...	...	8	2,598
Irrigation Farms ... ..	...	...	1	17
Town Blocks (without residence) within an Irrigation Area ... ..	...	...	...	...
Leases of Town Lands ... ..	...	...	1	1
Week-end Leases ... ..	...	...	51	52
Homestead Selection ... ..	...	...	1	65
Original Conditional Purchase ... ..	...	...	1	40
Total	73	42,917	1,453	697,823

ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.

Every class of Additional Holdings ... ..	...	...	...	...
Additional Conditional Purchase	1	207	10	4,026
" Cond'l. Purchase and Cond'l. Lease	...	...	6	5,742
" Homestead Selections ... ..	...	...	1	1,860
" Settlement Lease ... ..	...	...	1	1,140
Crown Leases as Additional Holdings	5	1,165	97	75,548
" " for returned soldiers	1	500	3	696
Homestead Farms as Additional Holdings	10	3,923	43	21,217
" " for returned soldiers	1	300	5	2,411
Total	18	6,095	166	112,640

No. 59.—Latest Proclamations as to Prices of Commodities in N.S.W. fixed by order of the Minister of Defence under the Commonwealth War Precautions (Prices) Regulations, 1916.

Commodity.	Date of latest Proclamation.	District Covered.	Unit.	Maximum Price Allowed to be Charged.
Flour (wholesale)† ...	19-11-17	Cos. Cumberland & Northumberland.	Ton ...	150 lb. bag, £11; 100 lb. bag, £11 5s.; 50 lb. bag, £11 10s.; 25 lb. bag, £12 3s. 4d.
„ (retail) ...	„	„	Bag ...	150 lb., 18s. 10d.; 100 lb., 12s. 11d.; 50 lb., 6s. 10d.; 25 lb., 3s. 7½d.; 1 lb., 1½d.
„ (wholesale) ...	„	Remainder of State	Ton ...	From £10 15s. to £12 3s. 4d. } According to locality and size of bag.
„ (retail) ...	„	„	Bag ...	„ 18s. 10d. to 1½d. }
„ (wholesale) ...	„	N.S.W. ...	Bag, booked.	Above prices, plus 8d., 6d., 4d., 2d.
Bread† ...	30-6-17	Metropolis and Parramatta.	2-lb. loaf	3½d. over counter, 4d. delivered.
„ ...	25-10-16	Dorrigo area	1-lb. loaf	2d., over counter or delivered.
„ ...	„	„	Loaf ...	1 lb. 3d.; 2 lb. 4½d. over counter, and 3½d. and 5d. delivered.
„ ...	11-1-17	Glen Innes ...	„ ...	} 1 lb. 2½d.; 2 lb., 4d. over counter, and 3d. and 4½d. delivered.
„ ...	26-4-17	Guyra ...	„ ...	
„ ...	17-5-17	Howlong ...	„ ...	
„ ...	5-3-17	Grong Grong, Moree, Wee Waa, and Parkes.	„ ...	1 lb. 2½d., 2 lb. 4d.; 3d. and 4½d. if booked.
„ ...	5-4-17	Manildra, Kiama, and Narrandera.	„ ...	1 lb. 2½d.; 2 lb. 4d.; 3d. and 4½d. if booked.
„ ...	„	Yerranderie area ..	2-lb. loaf	1 lb. 3d.; 2 lb. 4½d.; 3½d. and 5d. if booked.
„ ...	11-8-16	Remainder of State	.....	3½d. and 4d. over counter, and 4d. and 4½d. delivered.
Biscuits and Confectionery.	15-8-17	N.S.W. ...	lb.	Prices according to locality.
Oatmeal (wholesale)...	5-7-16	„ ...	Ton ...	Same as on 10-8-17.
„ (retail) ...	„	„ ...	lb.	Plain, £19; flaked, £20 10s.; 1½ cwt. sacks.
Wheatmeal (wholesale)	12-11-17	Cos. Cumberland & Northumberland.	cwt. ...	Plain, 3d.; flaked, 3½d.
„ (retail)	„	„	„	14s. to 16s. 6d., according to size of bags or sacks. Various brands excepted.
Semolina (wholesale)	19-11-17	Other places	Package	6d. to 24s. 7d., according to size.
„ (retail)	„	Cos. Cumberland & Northumberland.	cwt. ...	Above prices, plus carriage.
„ (at Mill)	„	„	„	15s. 8d. to 18s. 2d., according to size of bags.
Butter (wholesale)† ...	25-10-17	„	lb.	7d. to 27s. 6d.
„ (retail) ...	„	Other places	.....	Above prices, plus carriage.
„	„	All areas.	.....	£1 per ton above the price of flour.
„	„	Sydney	cwt. ...	First grade, 149s. 4d.; second grade, 140s. 0d.; third grade, 130s. 8d.
„	„	„	lb.	First grade, 1s. 6d.; second grade, 1s. 5d.; third grade, 1s. 4d.
„	„	At butter factories	.....	Above prices for local trade.
„	„	Other places	„ ...	Purchase prices, plus cost of transport;
Cheese (wholesale)† ...	12-6-17	Sydney	„ ...	Booked, plus ½d.; delivered, another ½d.; ½d. per lb. additional if branded in prints, &c.
(see note).	„	„	„	Large and Medium (new), 9½d.; Loaf (new) rod;
„	„	At factory ...	„ ...	Large and Medium (three months' stored), 11½d.; Loaf (three months stored), 1s.
„	„	Other places	„ ...	Above prices, less freight to Sydney.
„ (retail) ...	„	N.S.W. ...	„ ...	Above prices, plus actual carriage.
Hams (wholesale)† ...	25-12-16	„	„ ...	Above prices, plus 3d.
Bacon† „	„	„	„ ...	Cloth, 1s. 3½d.; seed, 1s. 4d.; Australian and New Zealand.
Hams & Bacon (retail)	„	„	„ ...	Sides, 1s.; Flitches, 11½d.; Middles, 1s. 2d.; Shoulders, 10d.; Australian and New Zealand.
Milk (retail)† ...	31-5-17	Co. Cumberland ...	„ ...	3½d. more than wholesale prices.
„ (for re-sale) ...	„	Newcastle ...	„ ...	Quart, 6d.; pint, 3d.; half pint, 1½d.
„	„	Co. Cumberland ...	Gallon	Quart, 5½d.; pint, 3d.; half-pint, 1½d.
Cream ...	29-5-15	Newcastle ...	„	1s. 8d. sold by vendors for re-sale.
„	„	N.S.W. ...	lb. ...	1s. 6d. sold by vendors for re-sale.
„ (Nestle's) ...	6-6-17	Sydney	Tin (4 oz.)	For other purposes than butter-making, or consumption in N.S.W. The butter value, less 3d. per lb., and less cost of carriage to nearest factory.
Condensed Milk	4-8-16	Sydney and Newcastle.	Tin (large)...	Wholesale, 33s. 6d. per dozen; retail 10d. Other sizes in proportion.
„	„	Remainder of State	„ ...	From 7d. to 9d., according to brand,
(“Milkmaid”).	„	Sydney and Newcastle.	Tin ...	Above prices, plus actual carriage.
Sugar IA. (wholesale)	19-1-16	Remainder of State	„ ...	Coffee and Milk, 1s. 9d.; Chocolate and Milk, 1s. 6d.; Cocoa and Milk, 1s. 3d.
„ (retail) ...	„	Metropolitan	Ton ...	Above prices, plus actual carriage.
„	„	Remainder of State	„ ...	£29 5s.
Jam (wholesale) ...	24-2-16	Metropolitan	lb. ...	£29 5s., plus actual freight.
„ (retail) ...	„	Remainder of State	„ ...	3½d.
Infants' and Invalids' Foods (imported).	9-6-17	N.S.W. ...	Doz. tins	3½d., plus actual freight.
Plum Puddings†	23-10-16	„	„	4s. 7d. to 31s. 9d., according to size of tins and brand.
(wholesale).	„	Cos. Cumberland & Northumberland.	lb. ...	5d. to 3s., according to size of tins and brand.
„ (retail) ...	„	„	„ ...	Wholesale, landed cost, plus 10 per cent.
Rice (wholesale) ...	9-6-17	Rest of State	Ton ...	retail, wholesale prices, plus 20 per cent.
„ (retail) ...	„	Sydney	lb. ...	Above prices, plus cost of transport.
„	„	Remainder of State	„ ...	1 lb. tin, 1s. 1½d.; other sizes, 1s. 1d.
„	„	„	„ ...	1 lb. tin, 1s. 4d.; other sizes, 1s. 3½d.
„	„	„	„ ...	Above prices, plus cost of carriage.
„	„	„	„ ...	In 56 lb. bags, 23s. 10d.
„	„	„	„ ...	3½d.; single lb., 3½d.
„	„	„	„ ...	Prices at place of purchase, plus transport.

No. 59.—Latest Proclamations as to Prices of Commodities in N.S.W. fixed by order of the Minister of Defence under the Commonwealth War Precautions (Prices) Regulations, 1916—continued.

Commodity.	Date of latest Proclamation.	District Covered.	Unit.	Maximum Price Allowed to be Charged.
Rabbits, cleaned but unskinned (see note)	17-3-17	Sydney ...	Pair, over 4 lb.	1s. 6d. at shop or cart.
" " "	"	" ...	Pair, 3 lb. to 4 lb.	1s. 1d. in markets.
Rabbits (frozen)	25-10-17	Sydney ...	Doz. prs.	17s. 6d. cleaned, unskinned. Over 4 lbs. pair.
Canned Fruit (wholesale)	5-3-17	N.S.W. ...	Each...	11d. pair, 1s. 10d. retail.
" (retail)	"	" ...	Doz. tins	2 lb. from 7s. 6d. to 10s.; 1 lb. from 4s. 9d. to 6s.
Baking Powder, free from ammonia, phosphates, and sulphates	12-11-17	Sydney and Newcastle,	Tin ...	2 lb. from 9½d. to 1s. 0½d.; 1 lb. from 6½d. to 7½d.
Other kinds	"	" ...	Ounce, net	Wholesale, in containers 8 ozs. or less, 1½d., larger sizes, 1½d.
All kinds	"	" ...	Doz. tins	Retail, above prices, plus 20 per cent.
Brant (wholesale)	15-10-17	Remainder of State	"	Wholesale, from 7s. to 16s. 8d.; various sizes.
" (retail)	19-11-17	"	"	Retail, above price, plus 20 per cent.
Pollard (wholesale)	15-10-17	"	Ton ...	Above prices, plus actual carriage.
" (retail)	19-11-17	"	Bushel	Millers prices, plus 1½d. to 3d.
Chaff, Lucerne	10-3-16	Co. Cumberland	Ton ...	Cash, £4; booked, £4 2s. 6d.
"	"	Newcastle district...	"	Millers prices, plus 1½d. to 3d.
"	"	Remainder of State	"	Cash, £5 10s.; booked, £5 12s. 6d.
Hay, Lucerne	"	Co. Cumberland	"	Millers prices, plus 1½d. to 3d.
"	"	"	"	On rail, £7 10s.; ex store, £8 1s.; elsewhere, £7 10s.*
"	"	"	"	On rail, £7 11s.; ex store, £7 16s. 6d.; elsewhere, £7 11s.*
"	"	"	"	On rail, £6 10s.; ex store, £7; elsewhere, £6 10s.*
"	"	"	"	On wharf, £6 4s., plus freight.
"	"	"	"	At railway, ex truck, £6 17s. 6d.
"	"	"	"	Ex store, on dry, £7 8s., plus carriage.
"	"	"	"	Other places, £6 17s. 6d.*
"	"	"	"	Ex store, on dry, £7 3s. 6d.; elsewhere, £7 3s. 6d.*
"	"	"	"	On farm, in stack, £5; in bales, £5 12s. 6d.
"	"	"	"	On rail or steamer, £5 17s. 6d.
"	"	"	"	Ex store, on dry, £6 7s. 6d., plus carriage.
Chaff and Hay (retail)	"	N.S.W.	Under 1 ton	Elsewhere, £5 17s. 6d.*
Oil—	"	"	"	Wholesale prices, plus 10 per cent.
Kerosene—	"	"	"	"
Companies' price	22-8-17	Sydney	8½ gal.	13s. 6d.
Distributors' "	"	"	"	14s. 6d., 2½ per cent. disc., 30 days.
Retail	"	"	Tin, 4½ gal...	8s. 3d.; quart, 6½d.
"	"	Remainder of State	"	Above prices, plus transport.
Benzine (wholesale)	"	Sydney	8 gal.	21s. 8d.
" (retail)	"	"	8 "	23s. 8d.; under 4 gals., 3s. 1d.
"	"	Remainder of State	"	Above prices, plus transport.
Cocoa (retail)	25-5-17	Sydney	Pkts...	From 6d. to 11d.
"	"	"	¼ lb. tin	From 6d. to 1s. 2d.
"	"	Remainder of State	"	Other sizes in proportion.
Gas	22-2-17	Sydney and North Sydney.	1,000 cub. ft.	Above prices, plus transport.
"	"	"	"	4s. 1½d. from 1-3-17 to 31-12-17; thence 4s. 1d.
"	"	Manly	"	4s. 11d. from 1-3-17 to 31-12-17; thence 4s. 10½d.
Tin Plates	6-12-16	N.S.W.	Box, 20" x 14"	£1 15s. at ports; elsewhere add cost of transport.
Glaxo and Lactogen	15-2-17	Sydney	Doz. tins	Wholesale, 15s. 6d., 25s. 9d., and 62s.
Hides (best salted)	15-10-17	N.S.W.	Tin	Retail, 1s. 6d., 2s. 6d., and 6s.
" (dry)	"	"	lb.	25-42 lb., 11d.; others, 10½d.
Sulphate of Ammonia	17-9-17	"	Ton	1s. 1d.
White Lead	12-11-17	"	Ton (in cwt. containers)	£18. In single bags on buyer's lorries at works.
Cases and Tins (Oil), 2nd-hand, to dealers,	31-10-17	"	Each	Importer's, £82; Wholesale, £88; Retail, £96 10s. (£4 17s. per cwt., 10½d. per lb.).
" to users,	"	"	"	Case and 2 tins, 1s.; case, 6d.; tin, 3d.
Scrap Tin	5-10-17	"	Ton	1s. 4d.; 8d.; 4d.
Soda Ash	31-10-17	"	"	£30, at seller's door.
				Landed cost at port of entry, plus £2.

* Less carriage to nearest rail.

† Since 6th July, 1916, the Minister of Defence has fixed the prices of commodities under the War Precautions (Prices) Regulations, 1916. Up to the present he has made orders in respect of Bread, Flour, Bran, Pollard, Soap, Butter, Milk, Plum Puddings, Cheese, Bacon, Hams, Glaxo, Lactogen, Rabbits, Oil, Cream, Cocoa, Infants' and Invalids' Food, Biscuits, Confectionery, Hides, Sulphate of Ammonia, Galvanized Iron, White Lead, second-hand Oil Cases and Tins, Semolina, Wheatmeal, and Soda Ash. The prices of all other commodities in the above table remain as fixed by the N.S.W. Necessary Commodities Control Commission, the Minister having adopted those prices when the Commonwealth Government assumed the control of prices under the War Precautions Act. The price of Tallow was fixed at £30 a ton on 5th March, 1917, as from 12th idem, but the proclamation was annulled on 8th idem.

Dates of previous Commonwealth proclamations—

Bread—8-7-16, 10-7-16, 17-10-16. Flour, Bran, and Pollard—6-7-16, 22-7-16, 7-8-16, 9-8-16, 27-9-16, 15-2-17, 17-5-17, 22-5-17.

Butter—21-9-16, 23-10-16, 6-6-17, 7-9-17, 17-9-17, 11-10-17. Milk—27-9-16, 25-10-16. Plum Puddings—27-6-16. Cheese—5-10-16, 25-10-16, 28-5-17. Soap—31-8-16, 12-12-16, 9-2-17, annulled 5-4-17. Rice—10-1-16. Oil—17-7-16, 10-5-17. Hides—16-8-17. Galvanized Iron—8-8-17, 25-8-17, repealed 30-10-17. Cases—10-10-17, 25-10-17. White Lead—10-10-17. Baking Powder—17-7-16.

NOTE.—On the outbreak of the Railway and Tramway strike in August, 1917, the N.S.W. Commission met, after thirteen months' inactivity, and declared the maximum prices of all foodstuffs to be those ruling on 1st August, 1917. As the strike extended, prices were gazetted for the following commodities:—Meat, 17-8-17; Salt, 31-8-17 and 12-10-17; Rabbits, Meat, and Coal, 5-9-17; Methylated Spirits, 9-8-17, 26-9-17, 12-10-17; Cheese, 26-9-17. The proclamation regarding Meat was annulled on 26-10-17, and those of other commodities on 14-11-17.

No. 60.—Comparative Summary—New South Wales, 1861-1915-16.

	1861.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1915-16.
Area, 309,460 square miles.							
Population.							
31st December persons							
Births No.	357,978	517,758	782,080	1,162,190	1,376,199	1,698,736	1,857,920
" " " " " " rate	14,681	20,143	28,993	39,458	37,875	47,077	52,075
" " " " " " rate	41'56	39'64	37'90	34'55	27'71	28'64	27'90
Deaths No.	5,343	6,407	11,536	16,286	16,021	17,179	19,854
" " " " " " rate	15'12	12'61	15'08	14'26	11'72	10'32	10'64
Marriages No.	3,222	3,953	6,284	8,457	10,538	15,267	16,320
" " " " " " rate	9'12	7'78	8'21	7'41	7'71	9'17	8'74
Agriculture.							
Total area under crop... .. acres	295,917	393,413	583,868	846,383	2,276,528	3,629,170	5,794,835
Wheat—Area	123,468	154,030	221,887	356,666	1,392,070	2,389,710	4,188,805
Yield... .. bshl.	1,606,030	2,229,642	3,405,966	3,963,668	14,808,705	25,088,102	66,764,910
Average	13'0	14'5	15'4	11'1	10'6	10'5	15'9
Maize—Area	57,959	119,956	117,478	174,577	167,333	167,781	154,130
Yield... .. bshl.	1,727,434	4,015,973	4,330,956	5,721,706	4,344,993	4,507,342	3,773,600
Average	29'8	33'5	36'9	32'8	22'9	26'9	24'5
Hay—Area acres	45,175	51,805	146,610	163,863	442,163	654,149	1,108,919
Yield... .. tons	57,363	77,460	198,532	209,477	472,621	728,474	1,573,938
Average	1'27	1'50	1'36	1'28	1'07	1'11	1'42
Total value of all Agri- cultural production	£ *	2,220,000	4,216,000	3,615,000	7,060,000	9,749,000	20,362,000
Total value per acre under crop	£ *	5/11/9	7/4/5	4/5/5	3/2/0	2/13/9	3/10/3
Pastoral, Dairying, &c.							
Sheep No.	5,615,054	16,278,697	36,591,946	61,831,416	41,857,099	44,947,287	32,600,729
Cattle	2,271,923	2,014,888	2,597,348	2,128,838	2,047,454	3,194,236	2,405,770
Horses	233,220	304,100	398,577	469,647	486,716	689,004	719,542
Pigs	146,091	213,193	213,916	253,189	265,730	371,993	281,158
Production of Wool lb.	19,254,800	74,401,300	161,676,000	375,600,000	310,075,000	371,546,000	262,045,000
Value (F.O.B., Sydney)	£ 1,408,000	4,760,000	7,187,200	11,959,300	9,072,100	13,264,000	12,291,000
Production of Butter... .. lb.	*	*	*	18,302,897	39,056,878	83,204,568	59,631,543
" " Cheese... ..	*	*	*	5,506,971	3,838,835	5,460,652	5,979,630
" " Bacon & Ham	*	*	*	6,009,600	11,080,891	16,102,827	13,576,641
Total value of Pastoral and Dairying Production	£ *	8,709,000	13,151,000	17,460,000	15,598,000	24,649,000	27,049,000
Mineral Production.							
Gold oz. fine	425,209	294,389	135,033	131,654	173,543	181,121	108,145
" " " " " " oz.	1,806,171	1,250,485	573,582	559,231	737,164	769,353	459,370
Silver	*	*	*	729,590	448,501	1,767,496	2,801,507
" " " " " " £	*	*	*	134,850	50,484	177,095	349,397
Silver-lead & ore, &c. ton	*	*	*	147,780	417,078	338,469	249,849
" " " " " " £	*	*	*	3,484,739	1,803,979	2,205,669	2,935,624
Copper—ingots & ore, &c. ton	*	*	*	2,710	6,733	12,100	6,171
" " " " " " £	3,532	11,828	267,884	119,195	412,292	590,102	586,127
Tin—ingots and ore ton	*	*	6,433	1,657	659	1,929	2,129
" " " " " " £	*	(2)12,227	568,795	133,963	76,544	307,089	306,497
Zinc—Spelter, Concentrates ton	*	*	*	219	632	516,378	209,741
" " " " " " £	*	*	*	2,622	4,057	1,414,980	961,849
Coal ton	342,068	898,785	1,769,597	4,037,929	5,968,426	8,691,604	8,127,161
" " " " " " £	218,821	316,340	603,248	1,742,796	2,178,929	3,167,465	3,336,419
Total value of all Mineral Production	£ 2,029,000	1,626,000	2,138,000	6,434,000	5,681,000	9,410,000	10,515,856
Production from Minor Primary Industries (including Forests and Fisheries).							
Production all Primary Industries £	*	12,955,000	20,155,000	28,267,000	29,072,000	47,058,000	62,512,000
" " " " " " per head £	*	25/9/10	26/6/11	24/15/-	21/5/4	28/5/5	33/8/5
Land Settlement.							
Alienated holdings—							
1,000 acres and under No.	*	*	36,259	46,566	64,950	81,722	84,504
" " " " " " area	*	*	6,628,310	8,827,066	10,673,563	13,669,111	14,551,620
1,000 to 10,000 acres No.	*	*	2,646	4,307	5,160	7,803	8,951
" " " " " " area	*	*	6,990,312	11,370,329	13,305,738	19,551,728	22,452,399
Over 10,000 acres No.	*	*	449	677	719	708	722
" " " " " " area	*	*	14,073,587	21,884,299	22,638,524	20,185,845	19,284,960
Manufactories.							
Number of Factories	601	1,813	2,961	3,056	3,367	5,039	5,210
Hands employed males	*	*	28,819	43,203	54,556	82,123	87,724
" " " " " " females	*	*	2,372	7,676	11,674	26,541	28,677
Salaries and Wages paid ... £	*	*	*	4,272,704	4,945,079	10,951,161	13,413,845
Value of Machinery and Plant £	*	*	*	4,386,475	5,866,725	12,510,600	18,211,104
Total value of Output £	*	*	*	16,807,132	25,648,471	54,346,011	70,989,864
Value of Production (value added to raw materials) £	*	2,424,000	5,025,000	7,799,000	9,742,000	19,143,000	24,927,000
" " " " " " per head £	*	4/15/5	6/11/4	6/16/7	7/2/6	11/10/1	13/6/6
Shipping.							
Inwards, Vessels No.	1,327	1,891	2,254	2,602	2,760	3,127	3,045
" " " " " " tons	366,235	706,019	1,456,239	2,752,157	4,133,200	6,822,135	6,552,235
Outwards, Vessels No.	1,396	2,123	2,103	2,654	2,853	3,146	3,062
" " " " " " tons	379,462	794,460	1,330,261	2,801,320	4,274,101	6,833,782	6,574,582

* Not available.

(2) Year 1872. (*) Value of Forests and Fisheries only. Other minor industries (poultry, bees, &c.) are included in Pastoral and Dairying.

No. 60.—Comparative Summary—New South Wales, 1861-1915-16—*contd.*

	1861.	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1915-16.
Trade.							
Imports, Oversea	£ 4,547,813	5,481,655	11,829,007	15,127,641	17,560,207	27,343,428	33,379,698
" per head	£ 12/17/6	10/15/9	15/9/3	13/4/11	12/16/11	16/8/7	17/17/3
Exports, Oversea	£ 3,690,748	5,452,840	9,753,644	14,620,889	18,210,627	32,161,401	40,975,416
" per head	£ 10/8/11	10/14/7	12/15/0	12/16/0	13/6/5	19/6/5	21/18/6
Interstate Transfers, Inwards	£ 2,056,256	4,453,412	5,758,005	10,255,756	9,368,011	*	*
" Outwards	£ 2,918,713	5,808,379	6,554,161	11,323,131	9,140,497	*	*
Produce of New South Wales, exported Oversea. (1)							
Wool (greasy and scoured) lb.	12,745,891	38,323,302	81,906,922	235,470,988	217,285,747	295,315,438	254,633,558
" £	1,396,426	2,292,522	4,107,715	7,670,460	7,420,119	11,704,409	13,022,576
Wheat and Flour bus.	28,025	8,445	21,699	54,947	5,204,892	14,324,845	11,773,022
" £	9,570	2,414	5,337	11,683	680,719	2,519,354	3,386,676
Butter lb.	(2) 53,088	(2) 1,133,040	402,421	401,690	8,699,817	33,044,324	4,305,927
" £	2,536	27,415	11,992	17,756	379,341	1,518,993	259,834
Frozen Mutton lb.	...	...	*	*	39,369,792	59,948,989	26,443,085
" £	...	...	...	...	382,385	682,027	543,753
Other Meats £	11,536	130,999	191,774	194,013	381,768	607,002	435,716
Tallow £	58,393	245,352	244,271	292,672	362,631	871,018	227,317
Leather £	6,810	83,899	130,417	130,774	347,327	323,517	538,401
Skins and Hides £	77,127	38,115	130,277	376,295	431,232	1,145,138	1,307,114
Minerals and Ores (exclusive of Gold) £	65,372	248,096	1,214,085	1,392,076	1,893,314	4,072,531	7,551,045
Timber, undressed £	2,221	3,990	12,930	44,437	76,124	243,811	142,990
Public Finance. (3)							
Net Revenue proper	£ 1,421,831	2,215,846	6,551,134	9,773,332	11,007,356	15,797,135	20,537,835
" per head	£ 4/0/6	4/7/2	8/11/3	8/11/2	7/10/11	9/6/0	11/0/5
Expenditure proper	£ 1,529,788	2,666,948	5,625,749	10,215,820	11,008,173	16,137,279	20,806,633
" per head	£ 4/6/7	5/4/11	7/7/1	8/18/11	8/0/0	9/10/0	11/3/4
Loan Expenditure	£ 409,121	488,727	2,397,368	4,759,167	4,939,241	5,491,103	6,852,179
" per head	£ 1/3/2	1/9/3	3/2/8	4/3/2	3/11/9	3/4/8	3/13/8
Banks.							
Deposits £	5,029,692	7,047,886	20,308,017	35,659,690	33,258,456	57,140,156	80,515,452
Advances £	5,764,059	7,668,022	20,935,596	45,068,914	35,068,787	46,916,068	63,031,127
Assets £	8,809,829	11,592,076	27,870,483	53,596,259	43,437,559	64,881,499	91,084,505
Liabilities £	6,292,170	8,016,832	22,394,316	37,589,764	35,077,832	58,349,554	86,249,398
Savings Banks.							
Depositors No.	13,282	24,379	72,384	158,426	306,311	544,023	872,351
Deposits £	615,409	945,915	2,098,701	5,342,135	11,808,710	25,301,338	40,836,747
Average per depositor	£ 46/6/8	38/16/0	37/15/8	33/14/5	38/11/0	46/12/4	45/16/3
" per head of population	£ 1/14/5	1/16/6	3/9/0	4/11/11	8/11/7	14/18/7	21/17/4
Railways. (4)							
Length of Line open ... miles	74	359	996	2,197	3,026	3,832	4,437
Capital cost £	1,536,932	5,887,258	13,301,597	33,312,608	40,565,073	53,514,903	72,006,621
Passengers carried No.	595,591	759,062	6,907,312	19,918,916	30,885,214	70,706,728	96,709,546
Net Earnings £	13,817	158,257	705,892	1,193,044	1,401,317	2,321,882	2,464,725
Net return on capital invested per cent.	'90	2'69	5'31	3'58	3'48	4'41	3'50
Tramways. (4)							
Length of Line open ... miles	...	...	9½	48	104	195½	224
Capital cost ... .. £	...	...	169,450	1,099,659	2,829,363	5,664,324	8,309,629
Passengers carried No.	...	...	7,090,125	71,477,948	108,135,111	266,789,546	295,303,714
Net Earnings ... .. £	...	...	10,442	56,799	89,773	249,980	317,172
Net return on capital invested per cent.	...	...	6'16	5'28	3'17	4'63	3'85
Postal.							
Number of Offices	340	570	1,128	1,728	2,208	2,490	2,640
Letters and Post Cards dealt with No.	4,369,463	7,509,500	26,534,160	68,987,300	82,783,467	189,656,401	219,525,661
" per head	12'37	14'77	34'68	60'41	60'56	113'94	117'48
Newspapers dealt with No.	3,384,245	3,992,100	10,527,900	42,517,300	52,317,650	71,619,194	72,097,335
" per head	9'58	7'86	21'60	37'23	38'27	43'03	38'56
Telegraphs.							
Number of Stations	36	89	318	674	978	1,406	2,107
Length of wire (5) miles	1,981	5,579	14,278	24,780	46,153	31,123	37,236
Telegrams No.	74,204	218,530	1,607,266	4,046,251	3,449,315	5,863,560	7,027,084
Money Orders.							
Issued in New South Wales	£ ...	293,370	771,978	1,577,744	1,637,488	2,819,183	5,282,556
Paid	£ ...	271,842	675,025	1,518,987	1,669,730	2,949,264	5,197,500
Public Schools.							
Schools at close of the year	No. 179	659	1,405	2,461	2,818	3,125	3,188
Teachers No.	...	810	2,199	4,438	5,212	6,517	7,830
Scholars on roll (6) No.	11,660	39,070	144,119	206,438	210,588	221,810	264,713
Average attendance No.	...	...	...	122,528	154,404	160,776	200,695
Expenditure by the State on Education, etc. £	76,911	151,225	687,422	1,002,379	918,819	1,390,146	1,860,518

* Not available. + Information for 1916-17.

(1) The exports in 1914-15 include articles produced in other States of Australia. Since 1st January, 1912, the Federal Customs Department has classified all goods produced in the Commonwealth simply as "Australian," without distinguishing, as formerly, the particular State where they were produced. (2) Includes cheese.

(3) For 1861 Gross Revenue and Expenditure are shown. Particulars for 1901 and 1911 are for the year ended 30th June following. Transfers to Public Works Fund and Closer Settlement Fund are excluded in 1911 and 1914-15.

(4) Subsequent to 1881 the particulars are for the year ended 30th June following. (5) 1891 and 1901 include telephone wire; 1911 is exclusive of mileage of wire erected for railways. (6) 1901 and following Years are for the December quarter.

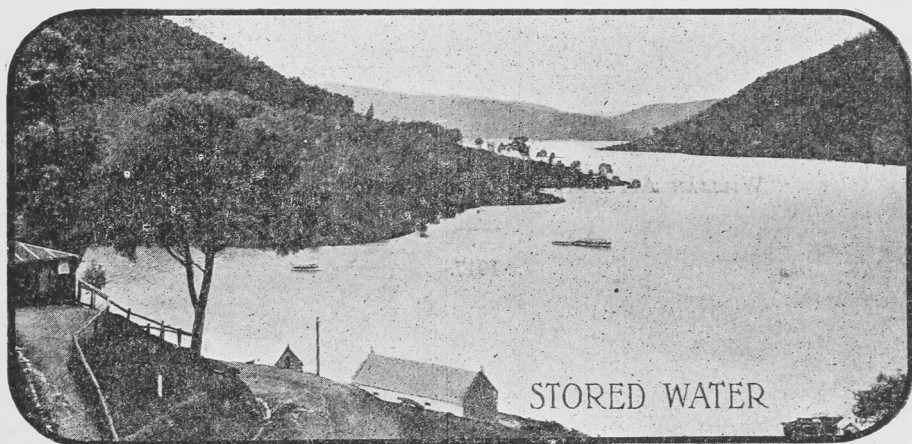
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